

Part Three



Mama Told Me Not to Come: Over the Lines and Across the Boards



he adult bulletin board industry is a diverse world with a vast majority of BBSs operated out of basements in the finest Mom & Pop manner. Big business, such as General Media's *Penthouse Online* and *Event Horizons*, capitalizing on the tremendous proliferation and popularity of adult boards, have jumped onto the bandwagon offering premium services. The quality of photo GIF files and animations are consistently higher on the premium-priced boards.

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However, if you're looking for kink imagery such as B&D lifestyle shots, or are interested in a forbidden glimpse at thy neighbor's wife, you'll find more of what you're looking for on the Mom & Pop-style boards. For example, Chicago's Windy City Freedom Fortress BBS offers

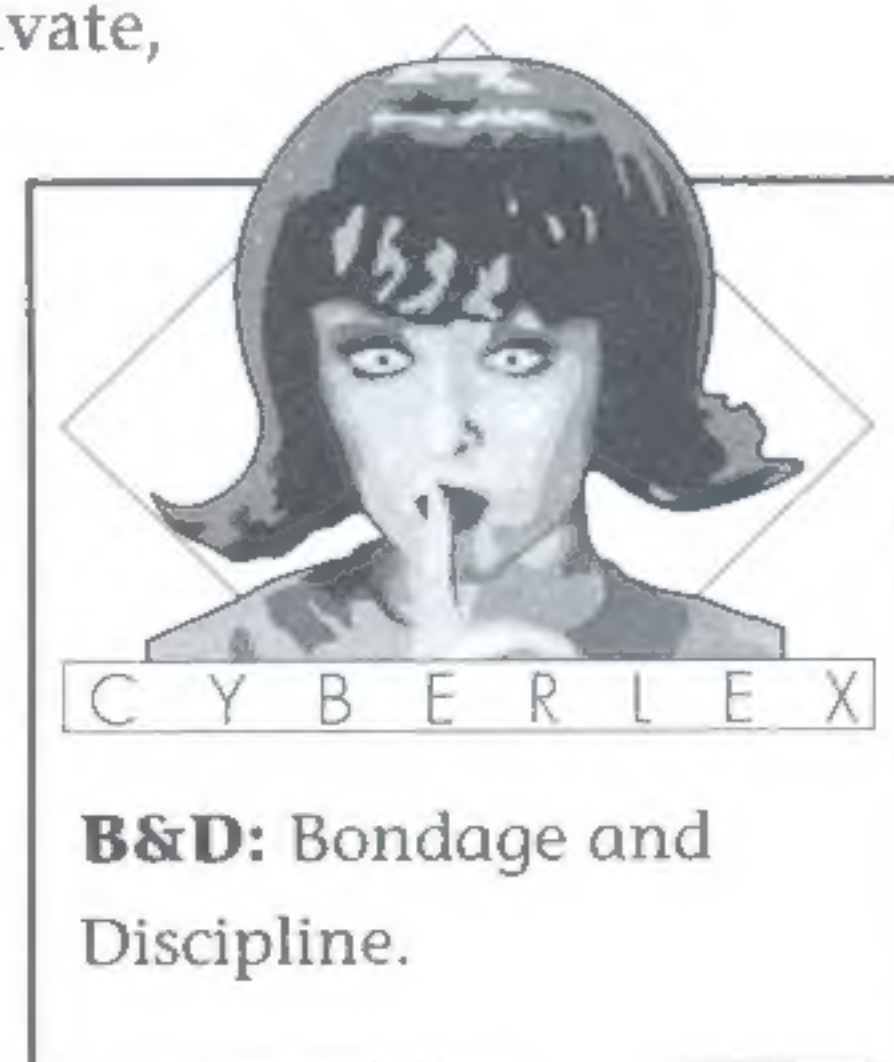


pictorial displays of everything from a woman going down on a dog, to up close and personal action potty shots to fisting the next door neighbor. These are not photos you'll find at your local newsstand's XXX-magazine rack.

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Why do men collect GIF images? I specify men, because although there is a small (less than 5 percent) contingency of female GIF collectors, the predominate collector is male. In the case of fetish aficionados, I think the answer is obvious. For example, if your sexual shtick rotates around animal worship, and explicit bestiality-related

imagery gets you hot, a bulletin board that covers this area is a private, personal way to live out your fantasies. Some married men are forbidden by their wives from viewing pornographic magazines, even the mainstream rags like *Penthouse* or *Playboy*. However, by downloading “Busty Barb” behind closed doors, they add a new dimension to the phrase “working hard” at the office. Other men live in remote and/or conservative areas of the country where even the mainstream pornography magazines are not available in a huge selection. However, as long as their phone line, computer and modem are in working order, the option to download adult images is available 24 hours a day. I've also chatted with



men on-line who, out of shame and embarrassment, will not purchase the autoerotic magazines they long for. By downloading GIF images in the privacy of their home or office, they satiate their appetite while keeping their dignity intact.

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“Simon Moon,” a caller on Mindvox, stated his views on cybersex most eloquently, “Part of the promise of cyberspace is that people are judged by what they think and say and do, rather than by their physical appearance. Some of the most interesting people on Mindvox would likely be dismissed as uninteresting in many “real world” social interactions, solely on the basis of their appearance. On-line, the class geek can become the most popular kid in the state, a lowly assistant can push

her boss around, the oft-ignored pudgy guy can command everybody’s attention, and the plain girl can get all the boys. The same is true for age. The net is one of the few places where people born forty years apart from one another can sit down and talk as equals, without being prejudiced by the other’s age.”



Many people are not comfortable discussing their sexuality with others. Husbands and wives are often too embarrassed to voice their sexual fantasies to each other. Adult bulletin boards provide a safe, confidential avenue for mature adults to discuss any aspect of sexuality without being kicked out of their country club or losing their job!

On-line conversations can be intimate, soul-searching, informative or painful. Callers often reach a deep level of intimacy with their on-line counterparts, unmatched by any relationships created off-line. By removing the handicaps of physical interac-

tion—with its focus on style and form over substance—callers focus on cerebral intimacies. Fantasies are shared, secrets are revealed, and problems are sometimes solved. What is common practice on-line is sometimes shunned off-line. For example, in most circles, it is not socially correct to ask a total stranger about his or her sexual modus operandi.

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In the United States alone, there are literally thousands and thousands of adult boards. Every day more and more bulletin boards spring up and close down. In choosing the thirty adult boards profiled in this book, I had

several requirements. All of the adult boards contained within this book are operated and maintained by conscientious, experienced, and honest system operators. Due to the transient nature of adult bulletin boards, I strived to find boards with staying power. Most of the boards have been up and running successfully for many years.



A sample welcoming screen to the Pleasure Dome.

An important criteria in board selection was to meet the demands of as many sexual proclivities as possible. Herein, I've included your basic straight "boy-meets-girl" boards, as well as boards designed for gay and lesbians. The kink contingency is also well represented within these pages, encompassing a variety of alternative lifestyles, from swingers to bondage and discipline devotees. Adult boards truly represent every area of human sexuality, from the kink to the mainstream. Many of the boards represented in this book contain forums and related photos aimed at satiating specialty interests. You'll find forums for closet foot fetishists, transsexuals, transvestites, latex lovers, slaves, Masters, Mistresses, zoo lovers (yes, this is what you think it is!), water sports (no, we're not referring to water polo), swingers, sadists, masochists, and every other sexual kink imaginable. Many boards represent straight, gay and bisexual interests, with other boards designed strictly for specific sexual preferences.

I was able, via my modem, to be transported into new dimensions of sexuality. Interestingly, the fetish boards housed the most articulate and visibly intelligent membership. For example, reading through the forum areas of New Jersey's The English Palace, one of the country's largest B&D boards, you'll learn about the technical and emotional factors that play into algolagniac pursuits. Virtually every area significant to pursuing the fetish lifestyle is discussed openly on The English Palace. Forums include "About Bondage," "Dominance and Submission Only," "Dressing For Pleasure," "A Place for Masters," "A Place for Mistresses," "A Place for Slaves," and about 20 other forums of interest to B&D enthusiasts.

In English Palace's "Piercing" forum, I read about the perils and pleasures of body piercing and body manipulation. These forums are devoted to the many ways of inserting rings, pins and other jewelry through parts of the body to stimulate the sexual juices. Shop talk included discussions on the best topical ointments to avoid infections, problems with airport detectors which detect metal ring piercings, and how to find an experienced piercer. "Mistress Minx" posts that she is "due to be repierced" in her "right nipple and labia" and is "seeking a doctor to help fill a prescription for two topic creme anesthetics."

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In the “Pro” forum, where fetish aficionados willing to pay for their pleasures turn, “Countess Denica” seeks “mature, meek, timid and obedient gentleman” who have a “burning desire to become captured” in her “web of depravity and black leather.” Although she does not engage in “overt sexual activities” she does specialize in “sensual domination, teasing/denial, foot worship and utilization of some unique bondage devices.” A self-proclaimed renowned



Bind your slave with this leather straitjacket designed for hours of fun! (Tom, courtesy of Mr. S. Leather Co./Fetters.)

"Hot chatting" is an interesting and thought-compelling phenomenon of adult board life. Frankly, "hot chatting" takes on the tone of its players. Picture a woman attempting to engage in hot, sexual talk with a terminally-trapped-in adolescence personality as compared to her erotic banter with a modern day Henry Miller. At its best, hot chat can be like a page-turning, erotic novel that talks back. At its worst, hot chatting can be like being stuck alone in a broken elevator with public access television!

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Opening line come-ons range from "What are you wearing?" to "Are you currently lactating?" depending on the caller's fantasy life. Having dialed into literally hundreds of adult boards with a female name, I think I've heard every opening come-on line ever written in cyberspace. The most effective method is the direct approach; the caller simply asks if the other party enjoys

hot chatting. Until mutual interest is established, it is pointless to attempt to lure the other caller into passionate banter. You may end up engaged in a bitter diatribe instead, instantly dispelling your lust! People either love hot-chatting or they hate it. There are few middle-of-the-roads on this activity. Words scrolling across the screen, written to elicit concupiscent feelings, either drive you to masturbatory overload or they don't. My feeling is that gifted erotic writers are few and far between. "Hey baby, how big are your breasts" doesn't really evoke shades of Henry Miller's *Tropic of Cancer*.

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The more time you spend conversing with digital life forms skilled at probing for information, perpetually geared up for fantasy-exploration missions, the more one begins to question one's own psychosexual make-up. When I received an e-mail from "A Servant," a New York-based attorney, who wanted no more than to be my total slave by running errands, cleaning, and following orders, I was in a conundrum.

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The French author Guy de Maupassant wrote, “A man who looks a part has the soul of that part.” Too bad he didn’t live in modern times. He would find a digital world in which a man who writes a part has the soul, or at least the thrill, of that part. This global digital village I entered is overwhelmingly and disproportionately male-dominated. Women are such a scarce commodity on adult boards, that, for a multitude of reasons, from the desire to indulge in role playing to feelings of boredom to inner psychological needs, men often assume female identities. Digital men are deadset on proving that they are, indeed, conversing with a real, live female. They often go to extreme ends to verify proof of a user’s femininity. Men also are more likely to give away their phone number on-line after the briefest introductory chat. I also have witnessed some extreme cases of men begging for a woman’s phone number, sometimes mine.

One of my first adult board experiences was on Aline. After a brief, general conversation with “*Pierre*,” a Paris-based gynecologist, he asked if he could phone me. How ridiculous, I thought. We traded a few general, boring exchanges, and now he wants to spring for a transatlantic call? Since I was converting one phone line into a fax line the following day, I decided to live on the edge and modem over my number. Five minutes later, I picked up the ringing phone to hear Pierre’s voice on the crackling long distance line. After a few awkward minutes of inconsequential chatter, he offered to spring for a round-trip to Paris and accommodations in his home. My boyfriend often uses the word “mumba” to describe man’s insatiable lusty urges. Unbelievably, the power of “mumba” compelled this French doctor to offer to spring for round-trip international plane tickets to a virtual stranger—a woman who he had never seen, nor knew much about! Playwright George Bernard Shaw described the power of “mumba” most eloquently. “We have two tyrannous physical passions: concupiscence and chastity. We become mad in pursuit of sex: we become equally mad in the persecution of that pursuit.”

Women do have to be truly careful about providing their real name or their home phone number to new on-line acquaintances. Although the

vast majority of digital men are really genuinely nice, honest, safe people off-line, why chance meeting the Ted Bundy of the adult board world? Are there serial killers waiting on-line? Unlikely, but there is definitely potential for a hot B-flick there: *The Forum of No Return*. Real names, addresses, and phone numbers should be carefully guarded. Post office box numbers can be provided without fear.

Women in the straight or bisexual adult bulletin board world wield an immensely high level of power. According to *Boardwatch Magazine*, only 10 percent of bulletin board callers are female. The other 90 percent who are males are eager, often desperate, to talk with female callers. Female callers have their pick in choosing the digital cream of the crop. I was impressed by the male gallantry displayed on the boards. As an example, in researching literally hundreds of adult boards, I frequently confused my chat commands, such as forgetting how to send a private chat message on Wildcat software as opposed to Oracomm. A simple general inquiry would inevitably result in my question being answered immediately by male users.

Some men latch onto the adult bulletin board looking for a free ticket into sexy phone chat heaven, unburdened by the heavy tabs of 900 numbers! One late afternoon, in the midst of researching boards, the phone rang. A breathy male voice inquired what I'm "into." "Who the hell are you?" I shot back. "Oh, I'm Robert from Michigan. I found your number on the BBS, and I'm feeling really horny right now, and was wondering if you could help me out." The first thing that flashed to mind was that women get paid to do this, and here is this guy looking for a free ride. I told him to buzz off.

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There is a lesson to be learned here. The first night I began to call into boards leaving messages to sysops discussing this book project, I left my voice number. Inadvertently I left an introductory message to one sysop in a public, rather than private, echo. My private voice number thus was floating

throughout cyberspace, available to any libidinous man privy to that public echo. Male or female, do not ever leave your phone number in a public message base unless you want to receive lust-laden phone calls day or night.

Let your hair down, shed your inhibitions, give your fantasy life free rein. You are entering the subterranean world of adult bulletin board services. You may use the adult BBSs for a solitary release by viewing erotic images. You may link up with other callers for heated on-line banter. Or you may go on-line with a mission to meet lovers, potential mates, or to explore untapped facets of your sexuality.

Let's take an example. Picture a 30-year-old professional woman living a straight lifestyle, but who secretly yearns for a female lover. Where can this woman explore and possibly fulfill this sexual void without compromising her position? Bar-hopping is one answer, but it is hardly suitable for someone who hates steeling herself for face-to-face encounters or whose social orbit is small. Answering personal advertisements is another possibility, but one-on-one encounters with another voice can also be awkward and intimidating.

The adult bulletin board community offers another avenue, one that allows confidentiality and freedom of speech. Log on, pick a pseudonym, and you're off and running. In the safety of her home or office, the professional woman can engage in intimate dialogue that explores her deepest, most personal longings. She can choose to keep her search for her sexual identity strictly on-line, or she may decide to meet a woman who has piqued her interest for off-line explorations.

New users will be amazed about the multitude of ways an adult board can transform their lives. Users become intimately familiar with the lives of their digital friends. Some callers make the break into face-to-face contact, others don't. Either way, relationships built in cyberspace are relationships with an emphasis on substance over style. Within cyberspace, no one is judged on the basis of physical attributes. True, the option to reveal specifics on your appearance is always available, but that is, indeed, an option!





During the time I've spent researching adult boards for this book, I've conversed with hundreds of people around the world. Dressed in my T-shirt and jeans, in the comfort of my home office, often in the wee hours of the morning, I've talked with a broad cross section of humanity representing nearly every sexual orientation. My monitor has borne witness to intimate conversations with straight men and women, cross-dressers, gay and lesbians, bisexuals, fetish aficionados, submissive slaves, and domineering masters and mistresses. Without having to brave the elements outside, I've had soul-searching discussions and been given a glimpse into the world's sexual landscape.

A sense of humor is necessary in most of life's pursuits, and it is certainly a requirement for having a good time on-line. While trekking through this wide-ranging erotic world, I've met many different types of personalities for which I've taken the liberty of coining names. For example, as a single female dialing into adult bulletin boards that are top heavy with men, the most common type of personality I encounter is a "thruster." Thruster is a distinctly male, heterosexual on-line personality who simply never takes no for an answer because his hard drive is perpetually in overdrive! Thruster repeatedly pages any new female on-line with requests for personal one-on-one chats. "Cybersluts," on the other hand, can be male or female, and can be defined by their endless appetite for on-line sexual stimulation. There are as many "types" in cyberspace as exist in the real world, and I am still having fun coining new descriptive names, as I encounter new and different personalities.

Ten Characters To Look For On-line!

Rider: Can be found on Aline, or America On-line as *NYRider1*. This tall, swarthy Italian man in his mid-forties is looking for a compassionate, attentive, loving woman. He loves to cook, has a cat named Buster, and always pays on a first date. This divorced Westchester resident is into motorcycling and seeks a pretty companion who would like to go for a ride!

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Top Gun: Can be found on Windup. This 40-year-old divorced documentary producer is currently working on a film exploring single life in New York in the 1990s exploring questions a child of the '60s has about life in the '90s. Windup BBS features prominently in the film.

Assertiveman: Can be found on Aline. Unusually cerebral, with a passion for Coltrane, mountain climbing, and exploring the boundaries between pleasure and pain, *Assertiveman* always makes an interesting, unforgettable impression.

UrFantasy: Can be found on The GaRBaGe DuMP. This green-eyed, 32-year-old Albuquerque beauty is into "physical encounters, and not touch football...wants the real ball!" The instrument she loves to play best is you!

Hot Lawyer: Can be found on The Back Room. This Philadelphia-based 39-year-old gay male attorney works on important cases involving custody battles for gay fathers, employment and AIDS discrimination. *Hot Lawyer* is looking to meet all kinds of people for fun friendships, relationships, and hot sex!

Nick: If you think hot chatting is an art form of its own, contact the genre's Picasso. To hot chat with *Nick* directly, call modem number (303) 920-1263. Forewarned is forearmed: *Nick* is disarmingly clever, and no question is too personal!

Wild!: Can be found on Windup. This 5'6" woman who's 35-26-35 loves to "play, play and play." There "is very little (if anything)" she "won't play with." Need I say more?

Michael476: Can be found on Texas Talk. 31-year-old blonde-haired, blue-eyed *Michael*, an electronic engineering technician, cites his ambitions as "to be successful, monogamous" and to find a "loving relationship resulting in marriage." His ideal mate is someone complicated, challenging, compassionate and honest.

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A Servant: Can be found on Aline. This self-described servant man derives immeasurable satisfaction from taking orders and being useful. An upper West Sider in New York City, he's looking for a dominant woman he can serve in all ways except sexually. He'd like to do your shopping, run your errands, clean your apartment, and loosen up your tense back muscles with a dynamite hot oil massage. Is this man a treasure or what?

Litmyfire: Can be found on THE GaRBaGe DuMP. This 47-year-old, attractive, tall, caring Albuquerque resident is not into hot chatting. "Looking for Mr. Right, not Mr. Right Now", *Litmyfire* enjoys e-mailing people around the world and loves to discuss new age philosophy, the paranormal and dreams.

Now it's time for you to steam up your monitor and really put your computer and modem to use. Take a peek into the underground world of adult bulletin boards. Who knows, you may find the answer to a secret little desire that has been waiting to find a home on-line.

Aline, Newcom LINK

Ooh la la! Meet the French man or woman of your dreams, or an all-American sweetheart through this international chat line.

"Not everyone with a PC is a nerd" coos the alluring, cleavage-baring brunette in Newcom Link's print advertisements. "Aline, the famous personal computer service, has changed all that. Dabbling with computers was never my thing, but here I am typing away, zipping off messages to five guys at once, and having the time of my life." The advertisement proves to be one of the understatements of all time. As a friendly female logging onto Aline in the evening hours, you'll most likely be engaged in at least ten simultaneous private conversations. The hardest part is keeping track of the endless parade of humanity that waltzes by your screen.

Founded in 1988, Aline's user-friendly graphical interface, combined with its international membership, attracts an eclectically interesting call base. Available through the Infonet network, Aline is a product of France's Minitel Services Company and is represented in the U.S. by the New York-based Newcom Link company. Europeans looking to practice their English and win American hearts, Manhattan Eastsiders looking to score a dinner companion, and a wide array of fetish aficionados call Aline their digital home. Head to Club Aline for instant, private conversations with a multitude of callers!

Aline was the first adult board I ever logged onto. Actually, I stumbled onto it by accident. An advertisement in *New York Magazine* describing a new on-line service, offering everything from restaurant and movie reviews to horoscopes and live chatting, caught my eye. I mailed in my coupon for a free start-up kit and some complimentary on-line time.

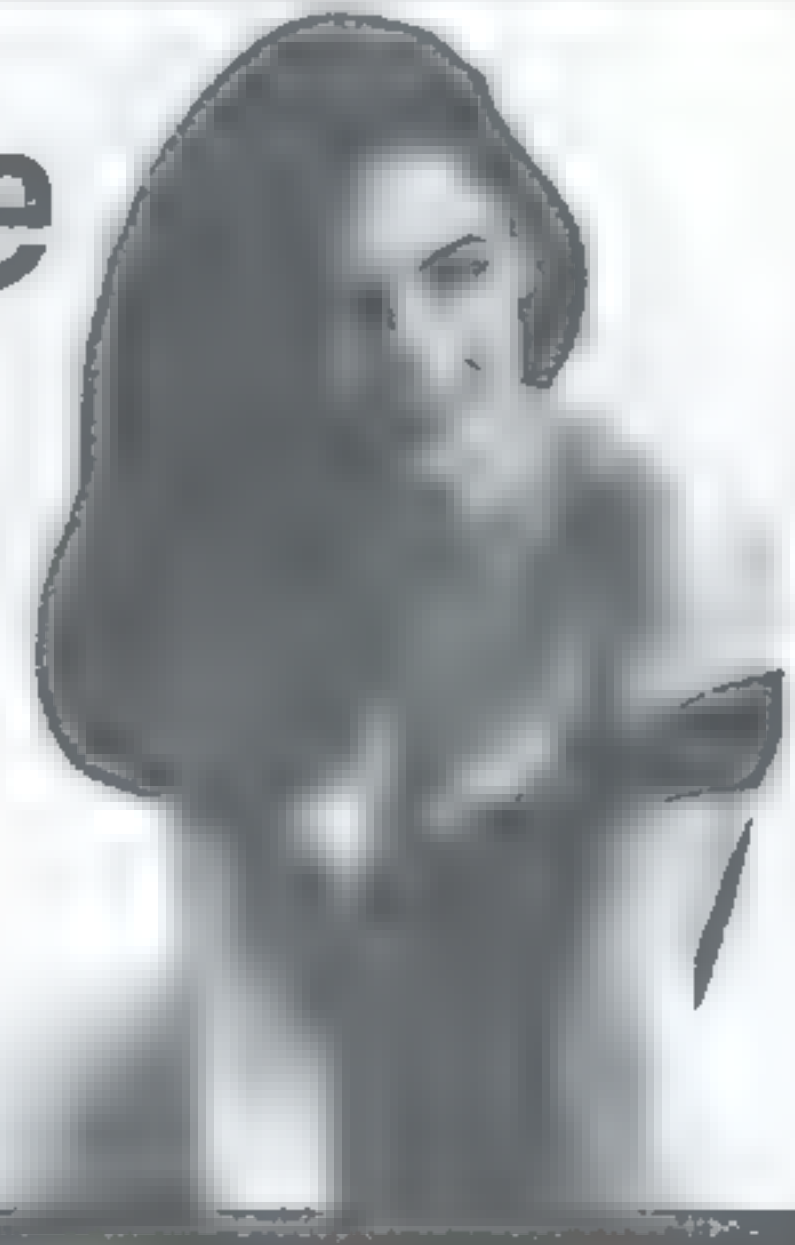
The chat feature immediately intrigued me. I became addicted to the anonymous, soul-searching banter. I was intrigued and puzzled by the tremendous number of men and bisexual women looking to meet me. I quickly used up my complimentary time, and was turned off by *New York Magazine's* price tag of almost ten dollars for just two hours of on-line time. Time spent in chat often flies by very quickly!



On-line Types

Rider: Swarthy Italian man who loves to cook, has a cat named Buster, always pays on the first date, and is into motorcycling.

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Please turn over

On-line at Aline, you won't just be speaking to pimply-faced nerds with raging hormones.



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Assertiveman: Cerebral, with passions for Coltrane, mountain climbing, exploring boundaries between pleasure and pain.

I noticed everyone on this chat board referred to the service as Aline, not *New York Magazine*. I asked the callers what number they were calling in on and they provided me with Aline's direct modem number. Whereas *New York Magazine* On-line offers two hours of on-line time for about \$10, Aline offers unlimited daily access time for a flat fee of \$9.50 per month. However, by dialing into Aline directly, you are unable to access *New York Magazine's* specialized, custom features such as restaurant and movie reviews. If it is chat that you are after, though, head directly to Aline, and purchase a subscription to *New York Magazine* for movie and restaurant information. You'll save a lot of money!

Dialing on board, I meet "Starks," a young Frenchman who opens an introductory conversation with "Do you enjoy lovemaking?" A response of "sure, who doesn't" is enough to have Starks begging to place an international phone call to learn more. Another Frenchman, "Naif," immediately expresses a fondness for big-busted, lactating women.

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Others on board include “Chrissy,” a green-eyed bisexual blonde who loves to party, and “PFM,” a bright, bisexual executive assistant who is outspoken and funny. Also striking some hot chords is “Assertiveman,” a cultured, refined, complicated man who loves jazz and exploring the boundaries of sexual domination and submission.

There is an air of intrigue evident on-

line. Callers start to murmur their suspicions about Chrissy and the bisexual women on-line. “They’re really men” is the commonly held consensus. Who knows? In the world of cyberspace, anyone is free to explore new genders and closeted preferences.

Transatlantic marriages have occurred due to the digital hand of fate that Aline extended. Barry Kominik, Newcom Link’s general manager, said “I replaced a woman who left to get married after meeting her French husband on Aline. She ended up moving to Europe!”

As Kathleen Brady Bonte reports in a recent article in *Cosmopolitan*, “I felt instantly popular, because on Aline, unlike in the singles’ jungle of the city, the male-to-female ratio was tipped heavily in my favor. An on-screen roster appeared, listing everyone who was using the service at the moment, and where they were calling from—the New York area, the West Coast, Boston, Chicago, even Europe. By touching a few keys, I could send a message to any of them.” Cupid’s arrow made it through cyberspace, because one year after she met a French software engineer through Aline, she was married in a bilingual ceremony.

If you’re interested in practicing your French and meeting the lover of your dreams, type “FRANCE” from the main menu and you’re instantly transported to a new transatlantic stratosphere often filled with 500 or more people on-line. French people interested in conversing with Americans are often on-line in the “American” side as well.



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Thruster: This male on-line personality never takes no for an answer since his hard drive is perpetually in overdrive!

Connecting Up

Bulletin Board	Modem #	Baud	Number of Lines
Aline	212-935-8787	1200	

Aline is available nationally through Infonet. International access offered through France's Minitel videotex system. For more information, contact Barry Kominik, Newcom Link, 450 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022, (212) 826-3894. For national access numbers to Infonet and questions regarding the Miniterm emulator software, call (800) 272-8737 or (212) 832-8311.

Aline, NewCom LINK BBS New User Information

The rate for unlimited access is \$9.50 per month. Visa/MasterCard, American Express, checks and money orders are accepted. Or for total anonymity, call (212) 540-Link, 25 cents per minute, 95 cents the first minute. This phone call will be charged directly to your phone bill.

The Backroom, Brooklyn, NY

This gay board offers you free rein to explore your sexuality—whether you're looking for a sense of community or want to live your ultimate fantasy.

Tiger Tom takes pride in helping to make The Backroom into the premier gay board on the East Coast. The Backroom attracts intelligent, friendly, upwardly mobile, socially conscious East-Coast gays and lesbians. Tom, who has served for the past eight years as a volunteer for Heritage of Pride (New York City's Gay/Lesbian Pride Weekend March committee), has a firm handle on what the gay community needs from an adult bulletin board system. "We've been up and running since 1984. I took over the system last October and have been slowly adding new areas of interest such as StudsNet, DoorNet, FemNet, and Internet E-mail," says Tiger Tom. These networks provide extensive coverage of gay and feminist issues.



Piece of Mind

"I believe that similar people use the boards, the majority of whom are NOT looking for instant sex. People find this a comparatively safe way to become acquainted."

"The Backroom is a true community," says Tom. Informal weekly gatherings of subscribers allow users to turn their digital buddy into a flesh-and-blood friend. Many out-of-town subscribers play host to other subscribers as they travel around the country for business and pleasure.

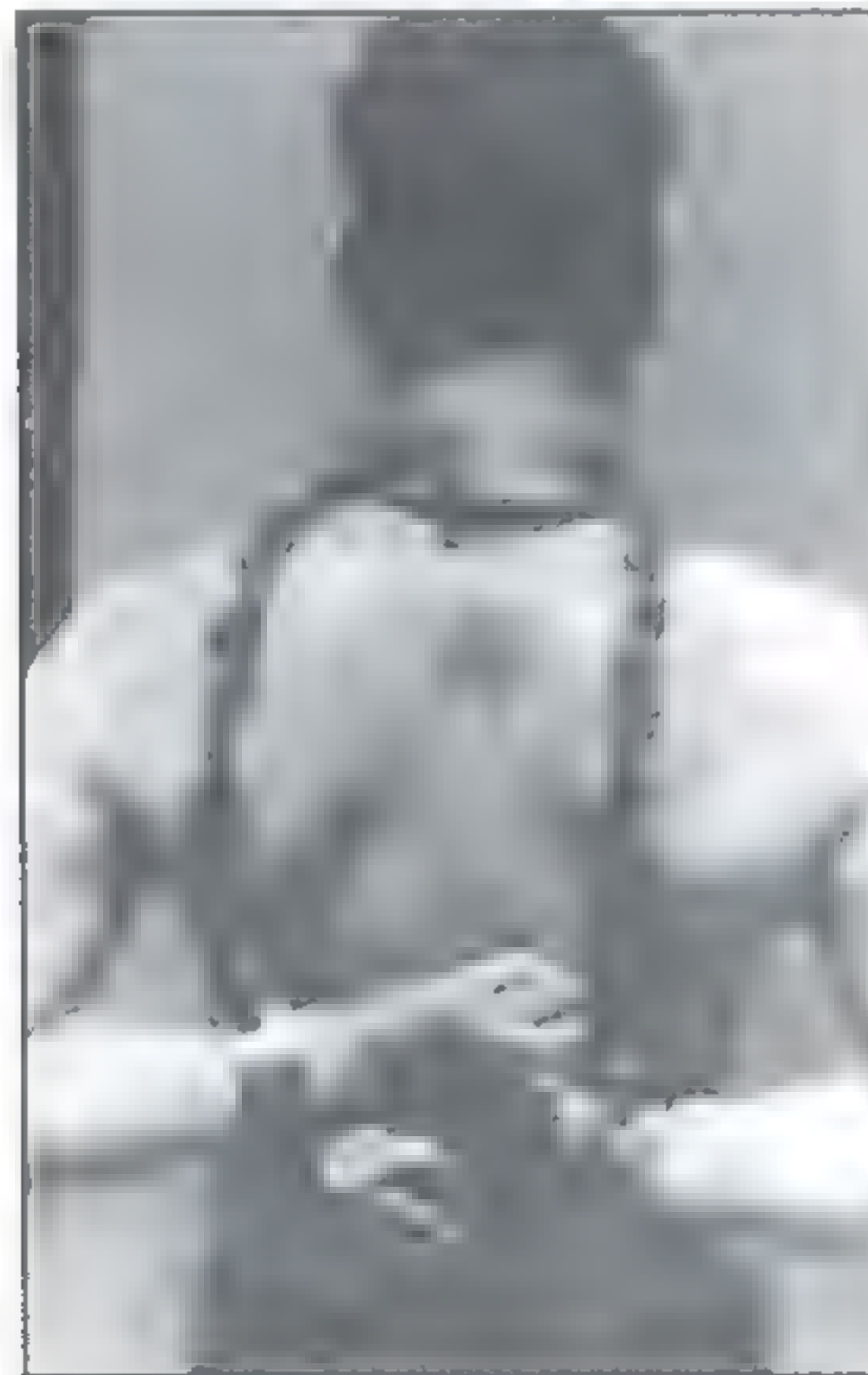
"The Backroom organized the formation of GayCom," states Tom. "GayCom is an affiliation of gay electronic bulletin boards around the country that provides a national conversation forum and an overnight private electronic mail service to most American cities." Up-to-the-minute news and information on gay and health-related news items is on-line in the magazine file area. Because it does not depend on a commercial sponsor, The Backroom has a freer editorial line than the average publication, often resulting in the on-line posting of provocative and controversial articles.

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The message boards for the networks, GayCom, StudsNet and DoorNet, moves digital voyeurism to all new heights as witnessed by a sampling from The “Hot Lesbian” forum. Plans for an underwear party inspired a lot of

undercover comments. “Voyeur” asked “Ladywolf” what color her “undies” are, and “Ladywolf” answered that “the undies are black and leather!!!” “But isn’t leather underwear hot in the summer?” asked “Voyeur.” “OK, I know, but they usually don’t stay on for very long!”

In StudsNet’s, “Pumps, Leather, S&M” forum, “Richard” sends out a cowhide alert. “Anyone interested in teaching a very inexperienced 25-year-old the joys of leather? I’ve been fantasizing about it for years, but can’t seem to make any connections. I’d love a good instructor that can teach me the ropes.” “Deejay” asks if there is anyone “willing to show an inexperienced virgin what leather is like—cuffs, hood, whatever, would be just right with the right guy.”



Collar and attached cuffs in leather for a “softer” beginning.
(Courtesy of Mr. S. Leather Co./Fetters.)

After entering DoorNet's "Water Sports" conference, you'll never think the same way about swimming or rubber duckies again.

"Bob Cook" is looking forward to giving "Daddy's Boy" a "rightful shower of admiration." You'll have to log onto this area yourself to see more from this "golden shower" medley.

For titillating user tales from the romantic front-and-back, check out the The Backroom's "J/O Board" in the local conference area. Here's a sample that was tame enough to print:



A Meeting in the Dark Rooms

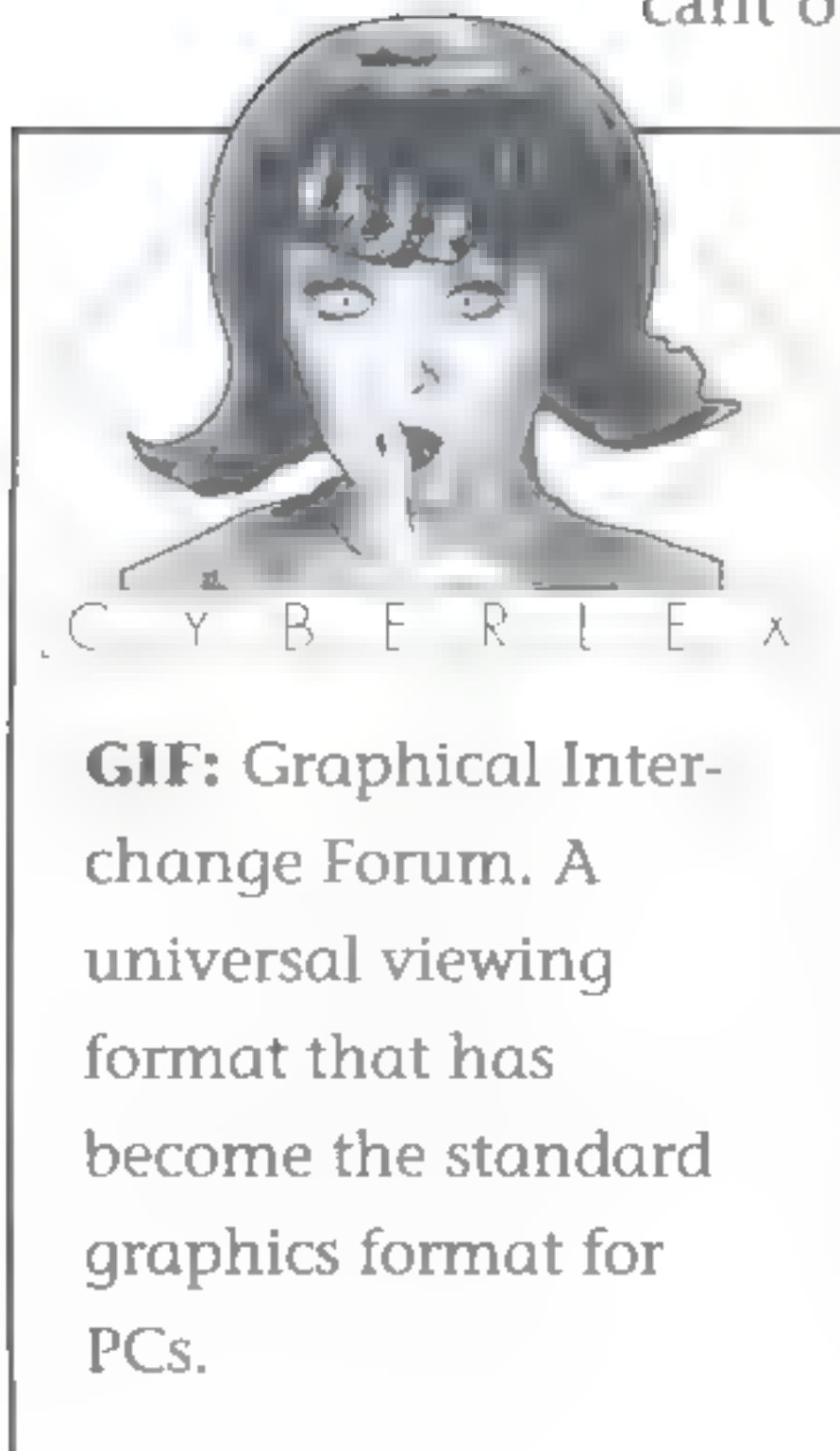
From: J. Frog

Subject: Dark Rooms

It was a dark bar, the light was dark and colored red. The two men stood diagonally across from each other when they noticed each other. They noticed each other simultaneously. One was tall, lean, weathered, and had a day's growth of beard on his narrow, rectangular, handsome face. The other was thicker, darker. The two saw each other and felt moved beyond the inertia of the general state of their egos, drawn to each other in the red darkness. It was just after the New Year. The seed had been planted in an instant, in a glance, in their eyes, in their hearts.

Another conference area available through The Backdoor is "Beyond Marriage," a special interest group for lesbians and gay men involved in relationships with straight men and women or for lesbians and gays who have children from such pairings. This national conference on the GayCom Network is moderated by Bill Star. "We self-describe ourselves as

gays, as lesbians, or as bisexuals, but we are not very interested in labels. Instead, we're interested in coming to terms with ourselves, with significant others of both sexes, and with our children," says Star.



After filling out an extensive on-line questionnaire, users can find their dream date with Connex, the match-making service. There are substantial erotic text and GIF files available as well.

Connecting Up

Bulletin Board	Modem #	Baud	Number of Lines
The Backroom	718-951-8256	2400	28

For additional information, contact The Backroom, owned and operated by Toss, Inc., 1412 Avenue M, Suite 2517, Brooklyn, NY 11230, (718) 951-8998 (voice), (718) 951-8229 (fax)

The Backroom BBS New User Information

Regular subscription rate is \$50 for six months, \$80 for 12 months with up to 150 minutes of on-line time daily. Fixture subscription rate is \$80 for six months, \$130 for 12 months with up to 210 minutes of on-line time daily. Sponsor subscription rate is \$130 for six months, \$180 for 12 months with up to 240 minutes of on-line time daily. Student subscription rates are \$40 for six months, \$65 for 12 months. A flat-rate 3-month trial subscription is available for \$30. Payment must be paid in advance by personal check, money order, MasterCard or Visa.

The Backroom is available through PC Pursuit, a third-party service supplied by SprintNet, which allows users unlimited access between the hours of 6 p.m. and 7 a.m. EST. For more information on PC Pursuit, call (800) 736-1130.

ECHO

[East Coast Hangout]

A meeting of the minds—a choice for you to experience more cerebral chat about timely issues...love...sex...

“Echoids,” the habitants of ECHO, are a cerebral community who cyberconnect on a divergent array of topics ranging from virtual reality, culture, and American mythologies to sex and love. Echo president Stacy Horn, a stylish avenger to the prototypical computer nerd, commands ECHO with grace, and a distinct and welcoming literary bent. A professor at the Interactive Telecommunications Program at New York University, Horn was inspired by The WELL, an on-line San Francisco-based service, and set out in 1990 to establish a similarly-inclined East Coast hangout in New York City. ECHO’s membership continues to grow rapidly fueled by positive media coverage in such hip venues as the magazines *Wired*, *Details*, and *The Village Voice* weekly.

“...Bonding is not established on a ‘hey baby’ level.”

If you are looking for a quick roll in the cybersexual hay, look elsewhere. ECHO, which boasts more than 37 percent female membership, is user-friendly to women. “Women are made

to feel comfortable on ECHO,” claims Horn. Conferences such as WON (Women’s On-line Network), and WAC (Women’s Action Coalition) explore feminist issues. Not to say, people don’t meet and fall in love on ECHO. They do. “One couple who met here just had a baby,” says Horn proudly. “Another recently announced their engagement. However, people meet on a higher plane; bonding is not established on a ‘hey baby’ level.”

Interesting, accomplished, and creative people abound on ECHO. Mike Weiner, the founder of the software company Microlytics, enjoys the “people, the atmosphere and the kindred spirits.” In the midst of writing an inspirational self-help book, Weiner has appreciated the friendly advice he’s received from fellow Echoids, including Tom Lipscomb, former President of The New York Times Book Company.

ECHO has more than 40 conference centers which include subjects such as The Love Conference, The Sex Conference, Lambda, Virtual Reality, Politics, The Music Conference, Books, Health, Parenting, Writing, Media, and many others. People on Echo move from conference to conference, participating in the items that interest them. Every conference has a host whose role is to keep the discussions lively and on track.

In ECHO's Love Conference, meet Dr. Lovelady, a hip, '90s version of Ann Landers with fangs:

Doctor, Can You Help Me?

Dear Dr. Lovelady,

I have a problem. And even if it's not unique, it's still embarrassing. I mean it's hardly the kind of thing I can talk to my friends about....My problem is that I fall in love on subways. And not just once in a while either—I mean, a day doesn't go by on the 6 train that I don't fall completely head-over-heels. Bonkers. Worse yet, my stop comes up and I have to tear myself away—and that's it: broken heart, tears of a clown, a shell of a man, and I haven't even had my coffee yet!

It's not even that I just ogle gorgeous women. It seems almost any woman with all her teeth starts looking attractive when she's sitting across from me, under an ad for foot care. If we start doing the thing where both of us are sort of making eye contact, but neither of us is actually looking, then I'm a goner.

Please help me doctor! The problem is taking quite a toll on me, and much as I'd like to, I can't afford to take cabs.

Sign me, Crushed Commuter

Doctor, Can You Help Me?

Dear Crushed:

What you are experiencing is Fear of Intimacy, Subterranean-Style.

Your obsession with these commuting cuties is based on the fact that you will never see them again: therefore you do not risk all the awful consequences of attempting a real relationship—such as Rejection (well, let me put it in a language you can understand: “this train is out of service—please vacate the car”) or Acceptance with all of its attendant problems (structural weaknesses, overcrowding, disgusting smells).

May we suggest that you attempt leaving the NYC Subway System, as hard as that may be, and start looking for women who are willing to remain still long enough for you to attempt actual discourse.

If this seems too hard at first, why not try places where the gals are busying themselves with another activity (obviously you are too insecure to think that anyone would want to spend time just talking to you) but may be distractible enough for you to introduce yourself? A tennis game, Bloomingdale’s are two such suggestions.

Just remember, wherever you go: step lively, and watch the closing doors.

Signed,

Dr. Lovelady

Live impromptu real-time chat often starts with one on-line member “yo”ing another, a form of “hey, you.” Often the “yo” turns into a full-fledged one-on-one conversation, as witnessed by this recent dialogue with Faust, a New York University grad student, former hacker, and all-around genius-type.

Chatting with Faust

NT: What are you doing on-line so late?

Faust: LATE?? Hell...this is EARLY for me! Not much going on really...I am just being depraved as usual. What's up with you?

NT: I've been staying up REAL late with this book. No BBSs get cooking before midnight, especially the kinky ones. Just working this weekend...Fun isn't in my vocabulary these days!

Faust: Can I ask a personal question?

NT: Sure, as long as you don't ask me if I am really a woman like everyone else!!!

Faust: Have you ever for research purposes done "hot chat"? I don't mean ALL the way...just for observation.

NT: I don't think it is possible for me to go all the way on-line with hot chat. I need the real thing! However, I am fascinated that others do. Are you into it?

Faust: I'm not "into it"...not habitually...but I have done it before...but it usually turned into phone sex very fast...(wow...am I being confessional...it must be late).

NT: I'm surprised that women give out their phone numbers so readily. I'd be reticent to hand out my phone number on-line. How do you build up trust with the other person?

Faust: Well, it's usually someone I have been talking with over a long period of time, so I know them enough. I NEVER ask for a phone number. I always have given out mine, and I've never had a problem. Yeah, I can't get into it on-line either...which is why the phone thing happens, but I have not done that in a LONG time.

If you are looking for a unique opening "Yo!" line, go into the Love Conference, and browse through the user responses under "50 Yo's That Are Guaranteed To Work" for sure-fire on-line ice-breakers! The following Top-Ten "Yo's" are provided courtesy of ECHO:

Yo Hall of Fame

"My mouse hasn't been the same since you last pushed its buttons."

"Perhaps you know me from my adult movies?"

"I really admire your punctuation."

"I'm typing this with my tongue!"

"Can I lick your screen clean?"

"I'm turned on by the intellectually challenged!"

"Have you gotten your free cup from Burger King yet?"

"Do you wanna see my new HyperCard stack?"

"Do you believe in love at first byte?"

"I'm having trouble with my hard disk....read it fast and with a dirty mind."



On-line Types

Lurker: A digital voyeur who loves to watch but never participates.

On-line with Stacy Horn, Echo President

NT: What was your motivation and impetus behind starting Echo?

Horn: The company I worked for packed off to Virginia, the creeps, so I had to find another source of income. I thought as long as I had to start all over it would be nice to do something that would surround me with brilliant, witty people who would entertain me all day long while I ate bonbons and typed out a book that would get rave reviews in *The New York Times Book Review*. That's when I got the idea for an electronic salon.

NT: I'm impressed by the high number of women on Echo. What would your recommendations be to other BBSs to even out the top heavy male/female ratio?

Horn: Give it up, pack it in, go home—only I know and I'm not telling. Just kidding. Take the suggestions, criticisms and complaints of women as seriously as you take the same of men. This isn't done for the most part and women simply say, "Fine. I'm outta here."

You often hear that women want it both ways, that they want equality and they want special consideration too. I see a similar 'cake and eat it too' thing on-line. Men want to be able to say whatever they please, however they please, whenever they please, AND they want women to stick around and listen to it without complaint and like it!

Well, you can't have it all. If you've got a bunch of guys acting like a bunch of jerks, the women are going to go where they can have a decent conversation, where they can make connections, where they can find a sense of community. And a good hairdresser!

NT: What are the basic differences between men and women's on-line styles?

“If you’ve got a bunch of guys acting like a bunch of jerks, the women are going to go where they can have a decent conversation...”

Horn: Women tell stories. Whatever they have to communicate they convey in a story. The stories always include people and something personal and it’s all very engaging, their on-line style. They talk to people. They are very aware of their audience. Women are very

interactive. But they are hesitant about what they know, about being experts.

Men instruct. Men tell. They talk about things they know, they’re always explaining things, looking up things. They love to answer questions and they love to come to the rescue when there’s a technical problem. They are not shy about what they know! But their style doesn’t always work in a dialogue, it’s less interactive.

Women lurk more (read rather than write). Men YO more. YOs are real-time messages that appear right then and there on the person’s screen, for example, “YO Stacy, can you recommend a good hair-dresser?” (Men need this very important information too!) It’s the electronic equivalent to walking up to someone who has their head in a book and saying “Hi,” without saying “Excuse me,” first. This can be okay or not okay depending on the situation. Men assume that it is almost always okay.

NT: Given the disparate behavior between men and women online, have you set any etiquette standards in place on Echo?

Horn: Aside from a rule about no personal abuse or harassment, no, not really. Not formally anyway. (No abuse means you can call a person’s idea idiotic but you can’t call the person an idiot. No harassment means if someone tells you to stop sending them e-mail and YOs you must stop). The community sets the standards. People are discovering what works and what doesn’t.

The Limits of On-line Love



Nasties and Nicies

R-E-S-P-E-C-T: Like in Aretha Franklin's classic song, women on-line want to be treated with respect. Never assume immediate familiarity. Like Windup's sysop says, "act like you're meeting someone at The Plaza's Oak Room."

Within Echo's Love Conference, here are some highlights from Item 34, "On-line Romance." The subject: "Is that your heart or your modem singing songs of love on the line?"

David F., "curious and confused about on-line romances...and in the process of beginning one" opened the new item to learn more about the realities of modern modem love:

Jamie: David, on another conference system I met and wooed a woman who lived half way across the country from me. We kept in touch through the system, and while the relationship was hot and heavy, we talked on the phone two or three times a week and saw each other about once a month....Truly, I think that a relationship that will work face to face will also work on-line. The suprising thing is that we quickly moved our relationship away from on-line. We loved to leave little notes to each other on the system, but by and large the contact was through phone and letter and meetings. Though we did meet and *chat* an awful lot when we were getting going.

Magdalen: I think it's tricky because there's something to having one's identity on-line and maintaining it, which could be compromised by having an on-line relationship. I think these are potentially great relationships because you get to know someone's mind, ideas, philosophies (if they're being honest, that is) before you see them often times. How much of that relationship you want to have in the public forum depends on what Echo is functioning in your life. I kind of flip what Jamie said around: I think that is what works on-line will probably work off-line, f2f.

Patrick: What works off-line may not work f2f if one or both fear intimacy or need distance. The on-line relationship may satisfy the need for both intimacy and distance.

The Limits of On-line Love

Neandergal: Well put, Patrick. I've often wondered if a particular type of person gravitates to a BBS for human contact—those who need the screen. I think there are some of those here—but was delighted to find through f2f contact that many people here are just doing this sometimes for fun, and also have involved social lives that have nothing to do with screens. Also, most are very interested and ABLE to form real live friendships with other Echoids while maintaining contact on-line.

Patrick: I'm not saying that a relationship between people who need distance or fear intimacy can't occur. If it does occur, it has to be crafted carefully with both parties acknowledging their needs. An on-line relationship may be the perfect starting ground for two people like this to find each other.

Magdalen: Maybe I'm being short-sighted here...it seems then that on-line relationships have the potential of being good f2f because you're not basing a lot on looks and other games that happen in person. I've been able to form some good contacts here on Echo, but I wonder sometimes myself if I'm one of those people Neandergal and Patrick are talking about...I stand corrected.

David F.: I agree totally Mag. The fact that a lot of the BS I am so accustomed to, for example, judging by looks, wealth, appearance does not happen immediately on-line allows two people to be more intimate and open. I would much rather get to know someone in a medium such as this, and if we meet and are not physically attracted to each other, no real harm done. Maybe a little ego shot, but through time that will be corrected. It is when I meet someone, am attracted to that person, and assume that I "know" what she'll be like is when I am most disappointed.

Magdalen: Anything that involves human interactions, particularly in the romantic arena, has its dangers and pitfalls. I've gotten to know people in an entirely different way on Echo, and I quite frankly prefer this right now—however I am fully aware of its dangers and pitfalls.



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Neadergal: My understanding, though, is that lots of times you can like each other on-line for all the reasons people have given above, but when you finally meet the person, they don't live up to the fantasies you've had such a long time to build. There can be lots of disappointment then... You have to be willing to meet somebody who may not look or sound anything like what you want them to, and make the necessary adjustments.

Magdalen: That's some of the pitfalls and dangers....

Rich Blake: I've fallen and I can't get up! Since I am very new to the BBS world, I have yet to have an on-line romance. If you asked me three months ago if I could fall in love with someone I met on a computer, I might have laughed. Today I am not so sure. Many of the most redeeming qualities about meeting people on a BBS have to do with non-aesthetic reasons. If you fall in love, you are falling in love with a person's mind and their thoughts. But is it really love? Maybe it's a kind of love that can't be found elsewhere. I don't know. But when I fall in love with a person, I hope it's for reasons other than their looks or wealth or other physical things. Someone said somewhere on Echo, the best sex organ is between the ears. And in the end, that's all that counts.

Connecting Up

Bulletin Board	Modem #	Baud	Number of Lines
ECHO	212-989-8411	9600	30

International network access is available through Internet. For additional information, contact Echo Communications Group, 97 Perry Street, Suite 13, New York, NY 10014, (212) 255-3839.

ECHO BBS New User Information

The first month on ECHO is free. After that the costs are, \$19.95 (tax included) for the first 30 hours. \$13.75 for students/seniors. \$1.00 an hour after that up to 60 hours. No additional costs are incurred over 60 hours of usage. In-person, informal classes are offered twice monthly. Telephone and on-line customer support is available.

The English Palace



Find a friend with a fetish, or explore your own—Camelot awaits you through the doors of The English Palace. Master Charles' whip-wielding on-and-off-line manner keeps unruly deSades at bay, and attracts and sustains a high level of active female members.

As a user filling out the new member registry on The English Palace, you're asked to describe your favorite "scene." A word to the wise, they ain't looking for your memories of the end of Casablanca! The favorite scene of "Leah" is being "bound, whipped and taken beyond." For "Fluffy," the scene stealer is to take "one dom. and tie well." Snap, crackle, pop moves out of the cereal world and into the realm of adult bulletin boards that exude B&D and S&M.

Master Charles, a houseware manufacturer's representative by day, founded The English Palace in 1990 to fill what he saw as a void in the adult bulletin board world. "There weren't any good chat boards out there to explore fetishes," states Master Charles. With more than 6,000 files, The English Palace maintains the largest fetish library in the country. The Hazlet, New Jersey, BBS draws callers from all over the country and around the world.

Piece of Mind



"I think BBSs are a great help to society by keeping us perverts off the street!!! No, really it lets one fantasize without actualizing the experience. Heh, it's safe sex!"

"There is a very welcoming, friendly nature to my board where men and women feel comfortable," claims Master Charles. Women represent 30 percent of the board's membership. "I refer to my members as the user police," states Master Charles. They police themselves very effectively, but if anyone gets out of hand, I step in to rectify the problem. Women are my top priority, and I make sure they're not pressured by unwanted attention on-line. On my board, women know that their no really means no. I will not tolerate my female members being abused by male callers."

The members of The English Palace engage in a strong off-line social culture. Scheduled events include semi-monthly dinners, annual picnics, and frequent field trips to The Vault, a New York City-based S&M/B&D club. "Over one hundred members attended our last visit to The Vault, and 18 women volunteered to be sold as slaves for the night!" states Master Charles.



The English Palace is a spanking good place to learn the ropes.

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bondage, teasing, and oral sex.”

Live chat is active in the teleconferencing section where a late-night session involved a multiple conversation with “Fluffy,” “Jackie,” “Dexter,” “Greatdane,” “Houseboynj,” “Leah,” and “Merlin.” “Dexter” who favors “leather restraints, butt plugs, and paddles” boasted about his dental chair which is “great for

Fetish-oriented text files are a major lure of The English Palace, from "The Making of a Harem Slave," to "A Boy Gets an Enema and a Spanking" and thousands more. Fetish GIF files are also on tap, some featuring user photos.



On-line Types

Macroman: This president of the lucky sperm club is always bragging about his organ being "miles long."

Forums on every aspect of this alternative lifestyle provide a place for members to exchange ideas and information. Forums include member discussions on bondage, **D/s**, dressing for pleasure, master and mistress guidelines, body manipulation and piercing, slave issues, and other issues of importance to the fetish lifestyle.



The Mistress about to be serviced by her slave. (Courtesy of Philip Miller.)

"Latent," a 44-year-old single male who revels in erotic bondage torments, sent out a line to meet me face-to-face. Again, it is one of those invitations that are so hard to turn down.

Latent Tendencies

Nancy,

I did a search for a match today and low and behold your name appeared best suited for me. Allow me.

I have been on this board for over a year and am still seeking to meet an attractive and intelligent woman who might be interested in meeting to discuss mutual interests and perhaps taking things from there. I've written the following thoughts on how one might commence their journey with someone they know and trust. Of course I'm not sure which roles either of us might play. Do we flip a coin? <smile>

We would have met and then started our special evening at your favorite restaurant, understanding your rules, going home, then a set of written instructions for me to be followed exactly. Stripped, inspected head to toe, inside and out. Bound and nervous, instructions on what is and is not acceptable in a sub.

A demonstration with a whip as to what punishment will feel like. A demonstration of how that same whip can be used as an erotic tool. A series of commands to be followed that of course you will fail in attempting. The choice of punishment with one tool or another, e.g. 10 with the whip or 5 with the paddle. Unbound from one position, rebound in another with either the chains, leather, cuffs or rope. Failure as a slave results in swift punishment. Tears will flow and be ignored. You will be reformed. You will know that you are truly the slave you have craved to be. You will serve my every need.

If you have any interest let me know, but do we have to use your quarter if we flip the coin...not that I do not trust you.



C Y B E R . E X

D/s: Dominance and submission.

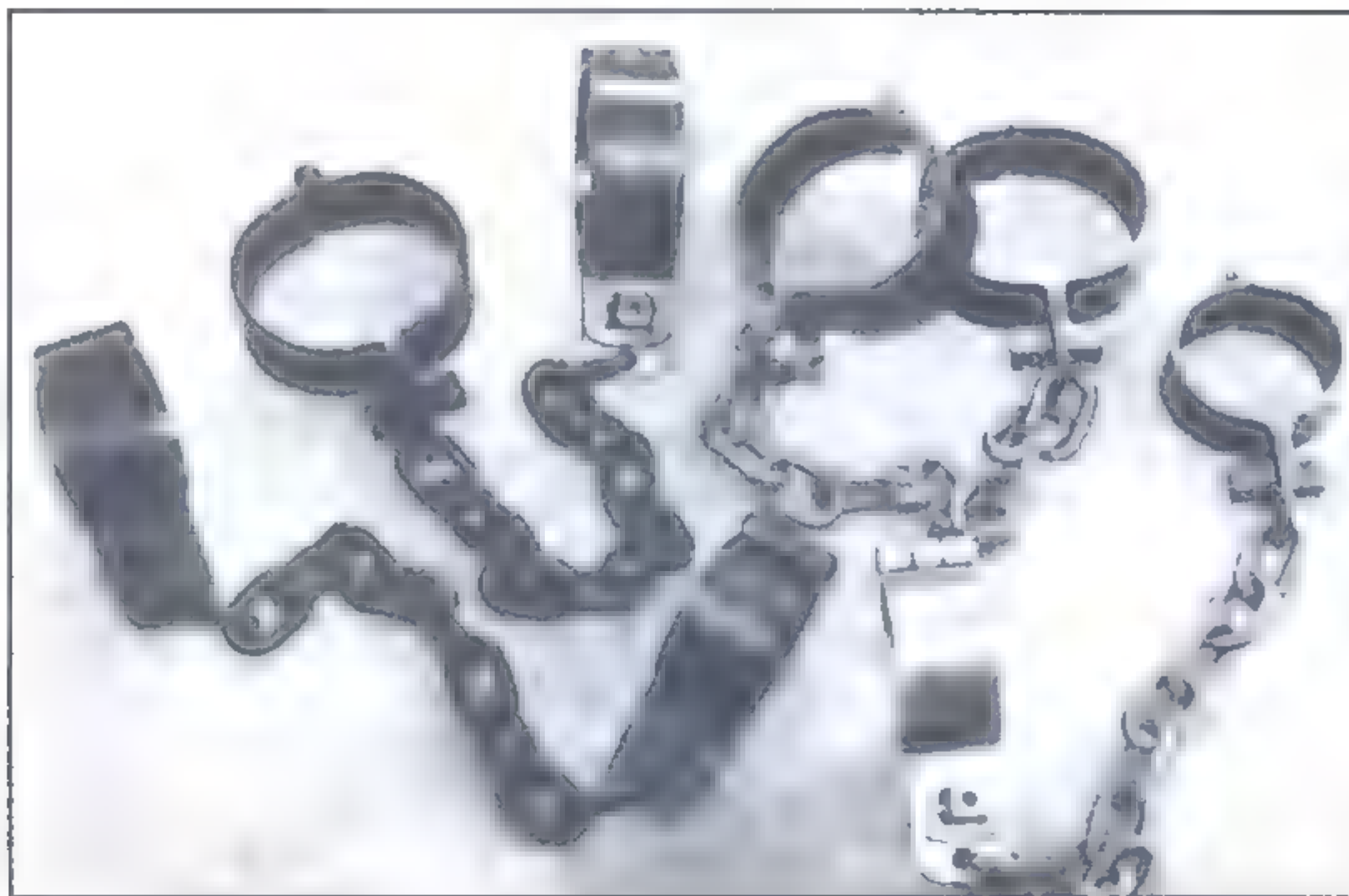
In the “place for slaves” forum, “*Iron Wolfe*” posts a general message signaling his hunt for submissives.

The Wolfe's Howl

“In the vast vacuum of Columbus, Ohio, I have to go out of state to find people who still know how to breathe,” writes “*Iron Wolfe*.”

“After several years of playing at the B&D game, I am now attempting to put together my own coterie—the Order of the Iron Wolfe. I am interested only in female submissives (novices and beginners are more than welcome), but will also consider couples if both are submissive, or if the male wishes to watch. I work with psychological and verbal discipline in conjunction with humiliation. This will not, however, disallow physical punishment. As a matter of fact, the first order of business will be to redden your buttocks just to remind you where each of us stands (or kneels or lays prostate). There will be bondage involved but not the elaborate, pulley-operated, gear-grinding machinery which some enjoy. I am more interested in rope bindings, blindfolds, earplugs and gags....I live with a woman who is not and will not be involved nor made aware of this lifestyle...”

Little Red Riding Hoods beware! Moving to the “Bondage Forum,” “*Bdfan*” posts a general message inquiring how many members practice bondage with chain. “Let’s hear some ideas about using chains for bondage,” he adds. “I use two different weights, 1/0 and 2/0, both twisted link types, and of course locks. There’s the simple ‘just chain ‘em’ bondage, but has anyone got ideas, or better yet, experience with some nuances?”



Being shackled takes on new meaning with wrist and ankle cuffs.
(Courtesy of Mr. S. Leather Co./Fetters.)

The following “slaves wanted” post, and subsequent replies, appeared in The English Palace’s Slaves Forum:

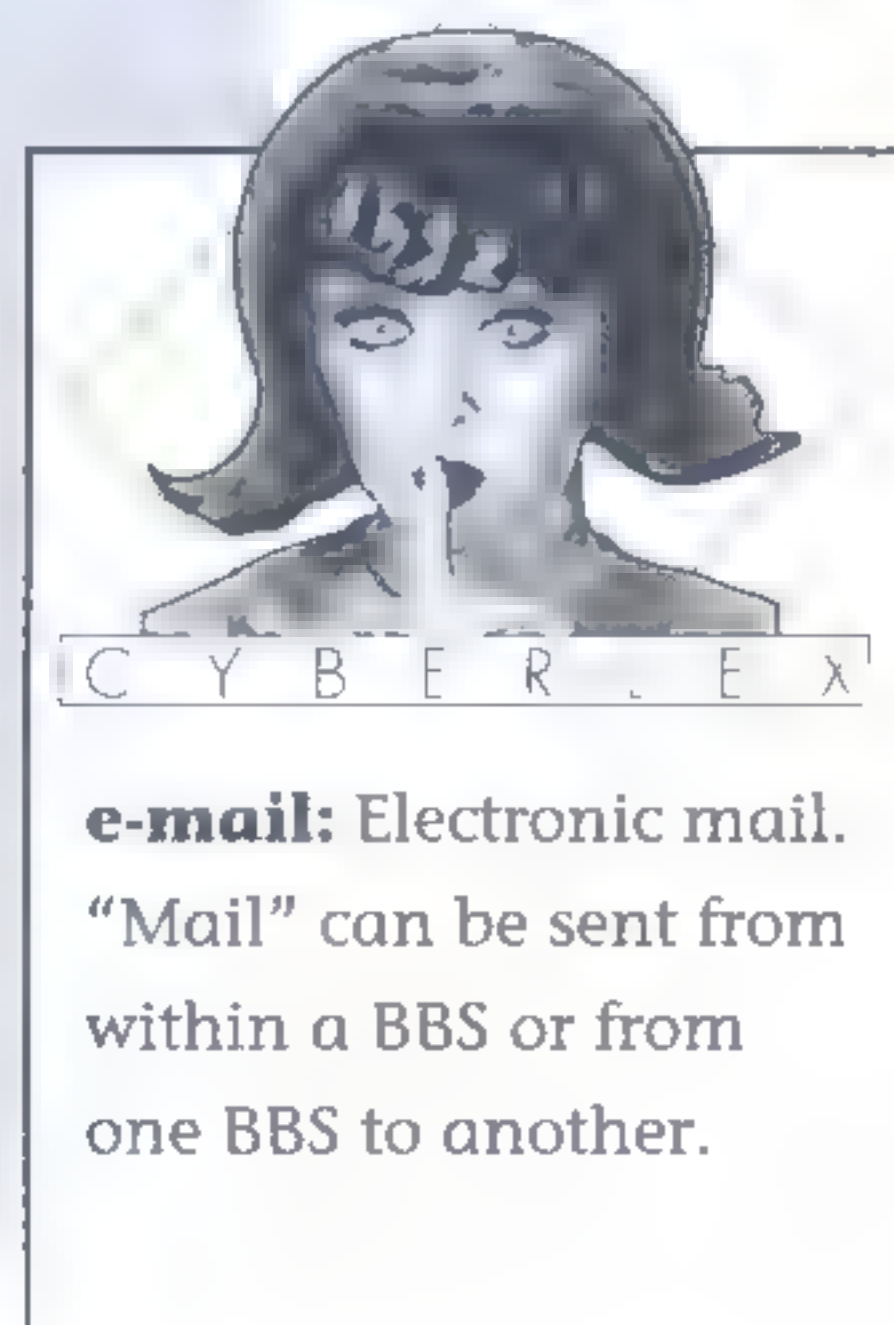
The Most Wanted List

From: Baroness

To: All

Re: Wanted Slaves

Attention: All slaves who do not have a Mistress and would like an experienced one to teach them the proper upbringing of slavery. I am an experienced Mistress and I EXPECT all my slaves to play with me and make me come over and over again for my pleasure. Anyone interested, please leave **e-mail** in my box. :) Mistress Baroness



e-mail: Electronic mail.
“Mail” can be sent from within a BBS or from one BBS to another.

The Most Wanted List

From: Slavie Markie

To: Baroness

Re: My Servitude To You

Dear Mistress Baroness, I read with pleasure your willingness to hear more about me. As your slave, I can immediately serve you on this BBS, in word and deed. I can correspond with you or eventually speak with you. I must admit I cannot travel freely. If possible, I will be at the English Palace picnic. I will accept your wishes unquestionably, humbling myself before you. I will crawl for you and accept your discipline. I will wear anything you please, providing proof by photo. I will be owned by you on this board, for all to know. I will gladly drink your golden shower if we could meet. I would be your maid and perform house chores, keeping your place spotless. I would serve you endlessly. I would worship you, writing stories or poems of my service to you. I would of course be at your feet where I belong. I would also serve your friends in any way you wished. I eagerly, humbly await your reply.

From: Baroness

To: Slavie Markie

Re: My Servitude to You

I have considered your message to me. I now request that you write in your summary that you are owned by Mistress Baroness. Also, I would like the town and state in which you live as well as a number that you can be reached when I am in the area. Put it in e-mail to me. I have to admit that you seem so far like you might be a good slave. I now own you.

The following list concerning dominance and submission is excerpted from a message written by a respected Mistress of the lines.



On-line Types

ModemMistress: She lives out her fantasies of male domination on-line by always wielding a whip and a chair.



Feeling frisky? Let The Mistress tame you with affection!
(Courtesy of Photofest.)

Mistress Margo's Safety Tips

The following are some tips for novices (as well as more advanced) on how to play safely. These aren't hard and fast rules, but may save you from having to make an embarrassing trip to the emergency room, or worse, losing your play partner. I use the terms *Top* and *bottom* because I feel that these tips apply to non-domination play as well, but feel free to substitute Dominant and submissive if you like.

1. Safe Words

The most common way of controlling a scene is by the use of a "safe word." The safe word is an indication that the bottom is having a real problem (choking, cramp, over pain limit) and wants the scene to stop immediately. Some common safe words are "red," "911," or "end." If you use a gag, have a safe sign as well—a snap of the fingers, or a series of grunts. The Top should also feel free to stop the scene if things are not going the way they would like.

The safe word really means stop immediately. The fastest way for a Top to lose a play partner is to ignore their bottom's use of the safe word.

2. Alcohol, Drugs and Bad Moods

You should not play when you are drunk, stoned, or not in control of yourself. This is especially important if you are the Top.

3. Playing Safe

When someone is gagged do not leave them alone, not even for a second to run and get ice from the freezer. If you don't have someone available to take charge of the bottom, don't leave the room.

Mistress Margo's Safety Tips

If the scene is a long one, the Top should consider putting the bottom into several different positions to avoid cramping and muscle strain. The Top wants the bottom to concentrate on what is being done to them, not on their aching shoulder.

If you hang someone from something, be sure that it can support their weight. Having a bottom come crashing to the floor is a really bad way to end a scene. Tearing out the shower head will also result in expensive plumbing bills. What will support little Rose may not be enough to support Greatdane.

From time to time, the Top should assess how things are going for the bottom. Such questions as, "Are you very happy?" and "Do you want more?" are useful to see that the bottom is having a good time.

4. Safety Equipment

A small amount of safety equipment is a useful addition to any "toy box." I have a friend who feels that a pair of bolt cutters is a good idea, and if you like tools, by all means, pick up a pair!

5. Rapport

Perhaps the most important part of a safe scene is the rapport between the Top and the bottom. It is preferable to meet before a scene and have both partners talk about their likes, dislikes, and limits.

Play safe, kids, and have LOTS of fun!—Mistress Margo.

Connecting Up

Bulletin Board	Modem #	Baud	Number of Lines
The English Palace	908-739-1755	300/1200/2400	18
	908-739-0142	9600/14,400	

For additional information, contact E.P. Communications, P.O. Box 213, Hazlet, New Jersey 07730.

The English Palace BBS New User Information

Female users are free pending voice verification. A one-year membership is \$75 for men, and six months is offered at \$50. There are no daily access or download limits. A special \$10 preview membership for men is also available. MasterCard, Visa, checks and money orders are accepted.

EROSLink

On-line hostesses serve you sweet pleasure every evening...on-line photos and letters are only of the VERY highest quality...Few unpaid females frequent the cyber-grounds of this mail-dominated fantasy world.

If you are looking for sensual on-line pillow talk with a dazzling array of sizzling hostesses, stunning full-color images, erotic letters, and much, much more, EROSLink may be the professional on-line service of your “wet” dreams!

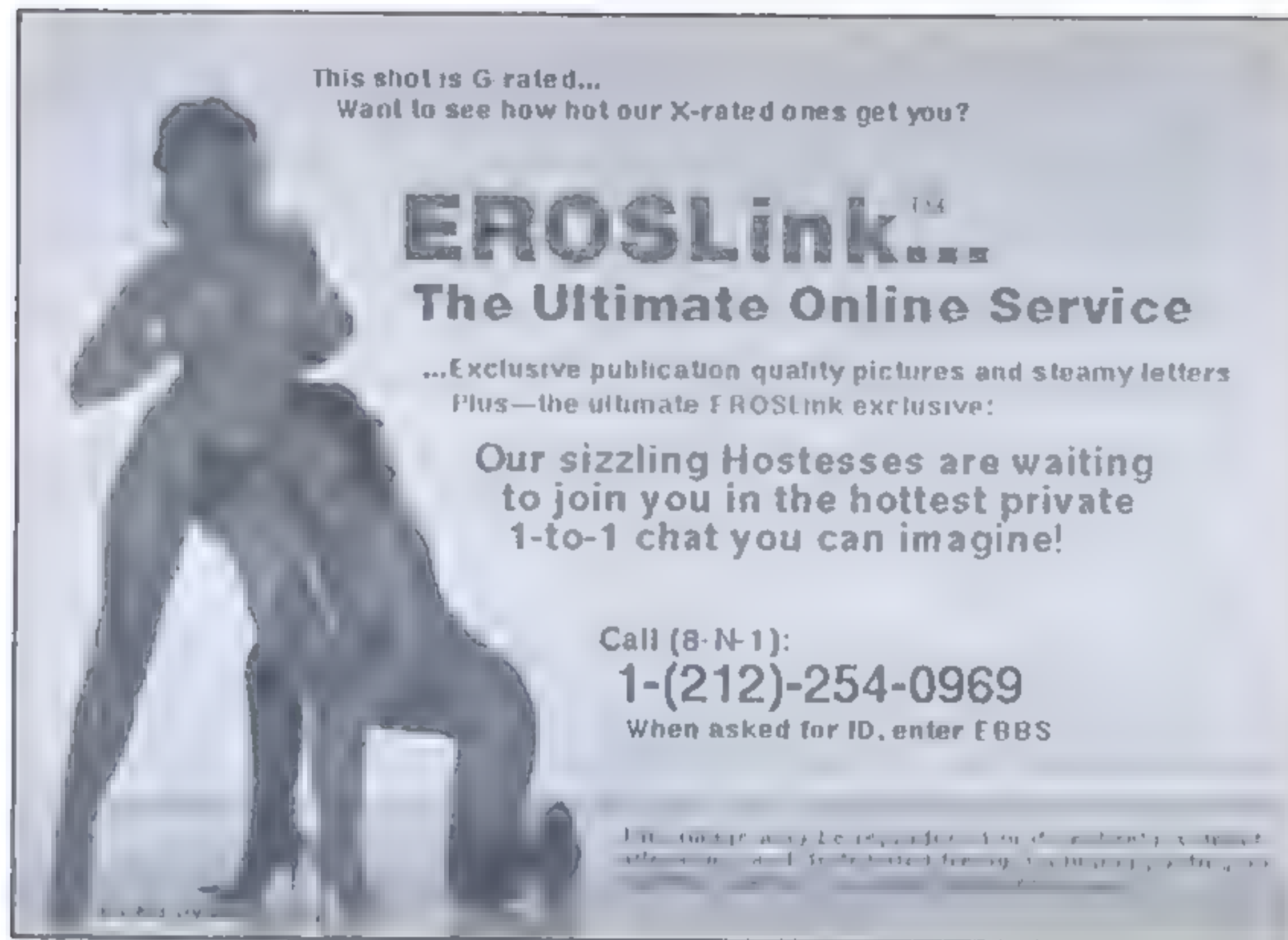
“On-line hostesses are a crucial ingredient to EROSLink’s success,” states Richard Reisman, the president of Dynexus Corporation, the New York-based EROSLink’s parent company. “Most adult-oriented on-line services attract a significantly higher amount of male callers, averaging about 90-95 percent men to 5-10 percent women. On many services, men simply have no women to talk to. We’ve solved that problem. Our hostesses are available from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. EST, and till 3 a.m. every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.”

Reisman continues, “EROSLink is a premium on-line service designed to cater to the primary erotic organ, the brain. Erotic experience is as much fantasy as reality. We make the fantasy fulfilling. All photos and letters that appear on EROSLink are publication-quality material, licensed from copyright owners.

“We cater to the primary erotic organ—the brain.”

Formerly affiliated with *Penthouse*, EROSLink is now “bed partners” with High Society, sharing many of the same on-line features and services. An impressive feature of EROSLink is the

ability to see the downloaded image grow and materialize right onto the screen.



EROSLink's graphics leave just a brief bit to the imagination.

EROSLink, available through the Minitel network (see the listing for Aline), draws an international clientele, including callers from every continent except Antarctica. Although chat with professional on-line hostesses are one of the premiums offered with an EROSLink membership, even if you are a non-"pro" female, you'll be mighty popular here. With 100 active lines, EROSLink's busiest time is around midnight. Whether you are having a one-on-one chat, partying in a private room, viewing the extensive library of GIF images, or reading scorching letters from the lustful, one is bound to have a spirited, fun-filled, erotic, on-line adventure on EROSLink.

Browsing through the EROSLink, I was pulled into a conversation with a Toronto-based businessman:



Chatting with Poppy

Poppy: Good evening. I'm calling from the frigid North. What are you doing on-line here?

NT: Actually I am researching BBSs and on-line services nationwide for a forthcoming book.

Poppy: Well, we could research it together. How old are you?

NT: I'm 31. How about you? Where in the frigid North do you live?

Poppy: I'm older than you. I live in Toronto, or at least close to it.

NT: How much older?

Poppy: You're persistent aren't you. I'm in my mid-forties. I'm tall, 6', 175 lbs., and I think about sex a lot. People tell me I'm distinguished looking.

NT: Are you single?

Poppy: No, sorry, I'm not single.

NT: How would your wife feel about you being here?

Poppy: Probably not pleased if she knew.

Poppy: OK, let's talk about sex. How do you like it?

NT: Hey, you're the subject here. How do YOU like it?

Poppy: Often, slow, gentle, straight or bent...

NT: Works for me!

Poppy: OK, what kind of underwear do you have on?

NT: Underwear?!!! Why Calvin's of course!

Poppy: Well then, take them off and give them back to Calvin so we can get down to business!

Poppy: Can I kiss you? I'll be gentle.

NT: How does one "kiss" electronically?

Poppy: Electronically speaking, my screen is all damp!

Beware of “Robofox,” the auto-pilot hot chat hostess. Talking with “Robofox” makes masturbation seem like a team sport. If you start looking forward to one-sided banter with this programmed she-devil, watch out, you’re really going off-kilter fast. Heed this advice: log off and meet some real people pronto. Even if you have to pay them 50 cents a minute to listen to you!

NT: What’s shaking tonight Robofox?

Robofox: You’re quick with your fingers, how about your tongue?

NT: How did you jump to that conclusion?

Robofox: What’s your favorite type of sex?

NT: I enjoy watching “Partridge Family” reruns more than life itself.

Robofox: I could do things to you that you would never forget.

NT: Couldn’t compare with the thrill I get from watching Danny Partridge “play” his instrument.

Robofox: It ain’t the meat, it’s the motion.

NT: Is there something wrong with my meat? Wait, let me check my fridge!

Robofox: I like my men to be very submissive. There’s something very sexy about a man who knows how to beg.

A few of Robofox’s other sweet nothings include:

“I know what you want—and I want to be the one to give it to you.”

“I love sex in public places—the thrill of being caught makes it much more exciting.”

“Think of what we could do with a whip and some leather.”

“You have a dirty mind, I like that.”

Again, stick to the real people on-line at EROSLink. Robofox is for robots and seriously unhinged individuals.

Connecting Up

On-line Service	Modem #	Baud	Number of Lines
EROSLink	(212) 254-0969	2400/1200	

When asked for ID, after dialing into EROSLink, enter CYBER. For customer support, call EROSLink at (212) 254-8235.

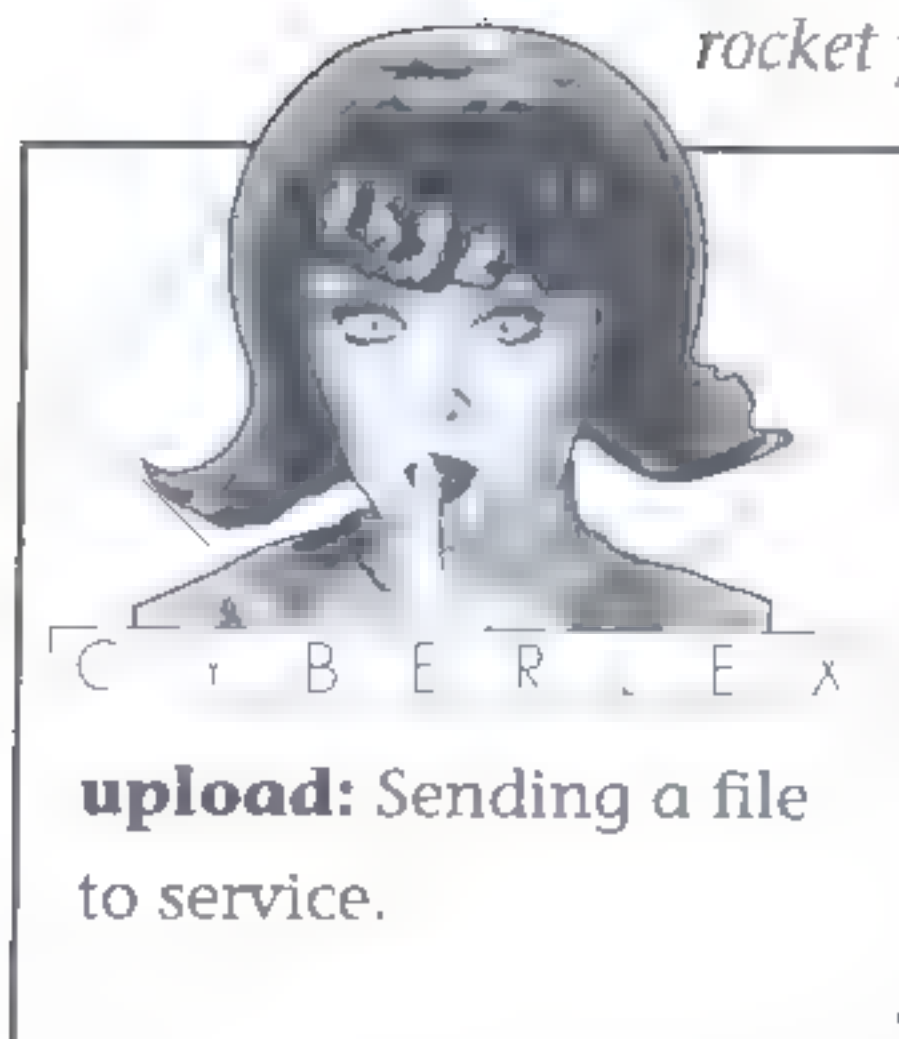
EROSLink BBS On-line Service New User Information:

EROSLink accepts only Visa or MasterCard. The user's credit card will be billed at a cost of 50 cents per minute (plus sales tax) which includes network access throughout North America. There is no charge for any month that the service is not used. However, there is a minimum billing amount of \$10 in any calendar month that the service is actually used. (The charge is discreetly listed as "E-Link Network," and billed as "NHW Enterprises," New York.) Callers must be over 18 years old.

To get on-line with EROSLink you must use their software and the local access number it contains. Download the PC or Mac version from the system at (212) 259-0909. This phone number connects callers with software and information, but it is not the EROSLink service. It takes about 17 minutes with a 2400 baud modem to download the basic package, Part 1, and about 35 minutes at 1200 baud. The full SVGA package (Parts 1 & 2) takes about 25 minutes at 2400 baud. The Mac package takes about 20 minutes at 2400 baud. Software parameters for downloading must be 8 data bits, no parity. If you have trouble downloading the software, read EROSLink's "How to Download Software" section. If you still encounter trouble, call EROSLink directly at (212) 254-8235. When you are up and running, call (800) 531-3262 to get your personal account ID and password. Remember to select a local access phone number from the directory included with the software setup.

Event Horizons

Good old American sex becomes state of the art with Event Horizon's vast library of adult video movies and games. Steamy conferences and chat will rocket you into orbit.



upload: Sending a file to service.

In a business where the majority of system operators cry "I'm just breaking even," Event Horizons continues to flourish and expand, grossing \$3.5 million last year. Jim Maxey, President and Founder of Event Horizons, a former television and radio reporter and owner of one of the largest private detective businesses in the Northwest, prides himself on the quality and professionalism of his firm. After losing a legal battle with *Playboy* regarding use of proprietary images, Maxey made some important policy changes. "We offer absolute quality by creating all of the images ourselves. Absolutely no **uploads** are allowed."

Started in 1983, Jim Maxey named his firm Event Horizons, a term defining the edge of a black hole in space, because of his interest and work-related background in astronomy. "I guess Event Horizons is the glorification of other heavenly bodies!"



Novell networked TBBS system: A Bulletin Board System.

VGA: Acronym for video graphics array. VGA offers high-resolution color graphics and clean text.

Event Horizons' graphics are anything but black. Running on a **Novell networked TBBS system**, Event Horizons offers its 35,000 subscribers a vast collection of R and X-rated SuperVGA and MaxiPic GIF images, and high-quality videos. General sections of the BBS include games, chats, conferences, the entire PC Sig library, and on-line versions of USA Today and Boardwatch.

Event Horizon's Adult Downloads menu include a number of intriguing sections. Choose Sizzling Swimwear for images that could find a place in a *Sports Illustrated* lineup. Hungry Amazons features some torrid ladies. Gay Lifestyle provides a walk on the wild side.

"We are always living up to state-of-the-art standards," states Maxey expanding upon Event Horizon's decision to support Rip Graphics on-line. Rip Graphics allows users to navigate via mouse and displays menus much faster and cleaner, even at 1200 and 2440 **bps**.

Event Horizons offers a mail order option for **MS-DOS** users who don't want to pay the high costs of downloading. Whether you're in Singapore or Des Moines, the cost of ordering a library image is the same. Most of the files offered on-line are also in the library.

Event Horizons also offers The Black Hole, an entertainment area broken out in ten levels offering challenges. When a challenge is completed, the user receives credits for additional on-line access time. Voluntary challenges earn more credits and consist of games such as Poker and Blackjack as well as The Void, The Black Hole Jail, Ask Buddha, or Embarrassing Moments (revealing user statements that are kept on-line for all to read).

According to Maxey, the most frequently downloaded item is "Orgasm," a video movie featuring a woman bringing herself to orgasm via masturbation. "We feature hot, sexy, warm, innocent-looking women," says Maxey. You won't find B&D, S&M, bestiality or scatology images on-line Event Horizons. "Just good, old, American sex," states Maxey.

Connecting Up

Bulletin Board	Modem #	Baud	Number of Lines
Event Horizons	503-697-5100 1-800-GO-MODEM	up to 9600	64

For additional information, contact Event Horizons, Inc., 311 Avenue B., Suite 209, Lake Oswego, OR 97034, (503) 697-7700 (phone).



C Y B E R L E X

Handle: The name you want to be known as on the adult boards. The sexier your name, the bigger your response!



C Y B E R L E X

bps: Bits Per Second. A measurement of the number of bits transmitted per second.



C Y B E R L E X

MS-DOS: An operating system used by most personal computers.

Event Horizons BBS New User Information

Complete access granted upon receipt of payment and voice verification. Visa, MasterCard, American Express, checks and money orders are all accepted. One hour of on-line time at 1200/2400 baud access is \$9. 9600 HST V.32 access is priced at \$18 hourly with a half-hour minimum. Add \$6 per hour for use of the toll-free number, (800) GO-MODEM.

Eye Contact

Are you a gay or bisexual man? If so, then Eye Contact is for you...Active party line chatting, explicit photos, and scorching text files are the major come-ons to play!

You'll find that Peyton Place is Sunnybrook Farm territory after spending time on-line with Eye Contact. As San Francisco's largest gay men's on-line service, the four-year-old BBS is devoted strictly to gay and bisexual adult men. Whether you are interested in meeting a horny transsexual, looking for soiled boxer shorts, pining for a sex buddy, or interested in downloading explicit, steamy images and text, Eye Contact offers one-stop shopping.

Eye Contact's features include personal e-mail and file storage, matchmaker databases where users can search for the lover of their dreams, and public forum areas featuring the tamest level of vanilla sex to the raunchiest kink imaginable. The BBS's conferences include discussions on health issues, politics, sports, and much more. The file library includes everything from shareware utility programs to explicit photos of men in "compromising" positions.

The private and public chat areas rev up to top cruising levels after midnight. Interestingly, closeted men can even be found within the confines of sanctioned gay cyberspace, as witnessed by the conversation below on Eye Contact:

Reds: (PRIVATE) You're really a woman? Really? I'm so glad you're here!

NT: Yes, Reds, I am truly a woman. No lie.

Reds: Well, I'm really into women, they're my first choice...I have a girlfriend.

NT: Does your girlfriend know that you're into guys?



Nasties and Nicies

Divulging Residential

Addresses: Do not divulge your residential address on-line! If the other party is really anxious to get acquainted off-line, take their phone number. Build the rapport slowly, and if the chemistry is there, meet first in a public place.

Reds: No way! I don't want her to find out! What do you look like?

NT: I'm tall with red hair, blue eyes, 31 years old.

Reds: Sounds like you're quite the looker! I'm 28...red hair, 200 lbs., good shape, young looking, 7" [body part], love sex with women.

NT: Have you met any men in person from this BBS?

Reds: I've met three in the year and a half I've been here...but don't look to get it on much...into women essentially. Heh, wanna come into my private channel? I'll pull you in if you want?

NT: Take me, I'm yours Reds.

Reds: Men here get down and dirty and don't waste time...they are blatant, nasty at times...they want sex. Heh, do you know of any BBSs with girls in San Francisco?



Smiles and Winks

:)8 Big breasted lady

Example: I'm just a lonely old studman looking for a :)8

Don't wander into Eye Contact's Fetish/Fantasy Forum unless you have a yen for the perverse. Winner of the most common alias, hands-down, is the ever-popular "Anonymous":

Funky Shorts Wanted

From: Anonymous

To: All

Re: Underwear Wanted!

I want your undershorts (boxers or jockeys) after they've been worn for a day, and smell of your piss and funky butt. Leave me a message and we can arrange for purchase or trade.

The "Sex Action Forum" draws callers ready for press-the-flesh action. "Dickhard" would like to "meat" "Slapshot." "Bob" is on the prowl for men over 40 who want to be blown. Amidst all this banter, "Deuce" innocently inquires what modem sex means. "Is it where we get little modems from? Does it have to do anything with gender changers?"

Throbbing within the hardcore sexual discussions, an underlying camaraderie and highly-developed sense of community exists on Eye Contact. Sysop, Richard Kravitz explains, "We offer a safe haven for gay men. Many gay men who feel isolated in their communities dial into Eye Contact for a welcoming place to play and meet like-minded people. Whether our callers are looking for a lover, the latest news on AIDS developments, or a place to belong, we make them feel at home."

Connecting Up

Bulletin Board	Modem #	Baud	Number of Lines
Eye Contact	415-255-5972	2400	54

Eye Contact offers a network service that allows most subscribers to call a local number. Local access numbers are available in over 800 US cities and 23 foreign countries.

Mailing address is 633 Post Street, no. 158, San Francisco, CA 94109-8215. Telephone (800) 949-2668.

Eye Contact BBS New User Information

Members must be 18 years of age or older. Checks, money orders and all major credit cards are accepted.

Using CompuServe, network access rates in the Continental U.S. are \$4.80 per hour at all times.

Using local phone lines to make connections, subscribers pay \$15 per month which entitles them to six hours of daily access.

Gabby's Lounge

You may be able to get anything you want at Alice's Restaurant, but the specials are much spicier at Gabby's Lounge! Gabby's menu includes adult GIF files, animations, erotic fantasies, conferences, and tasty chat.

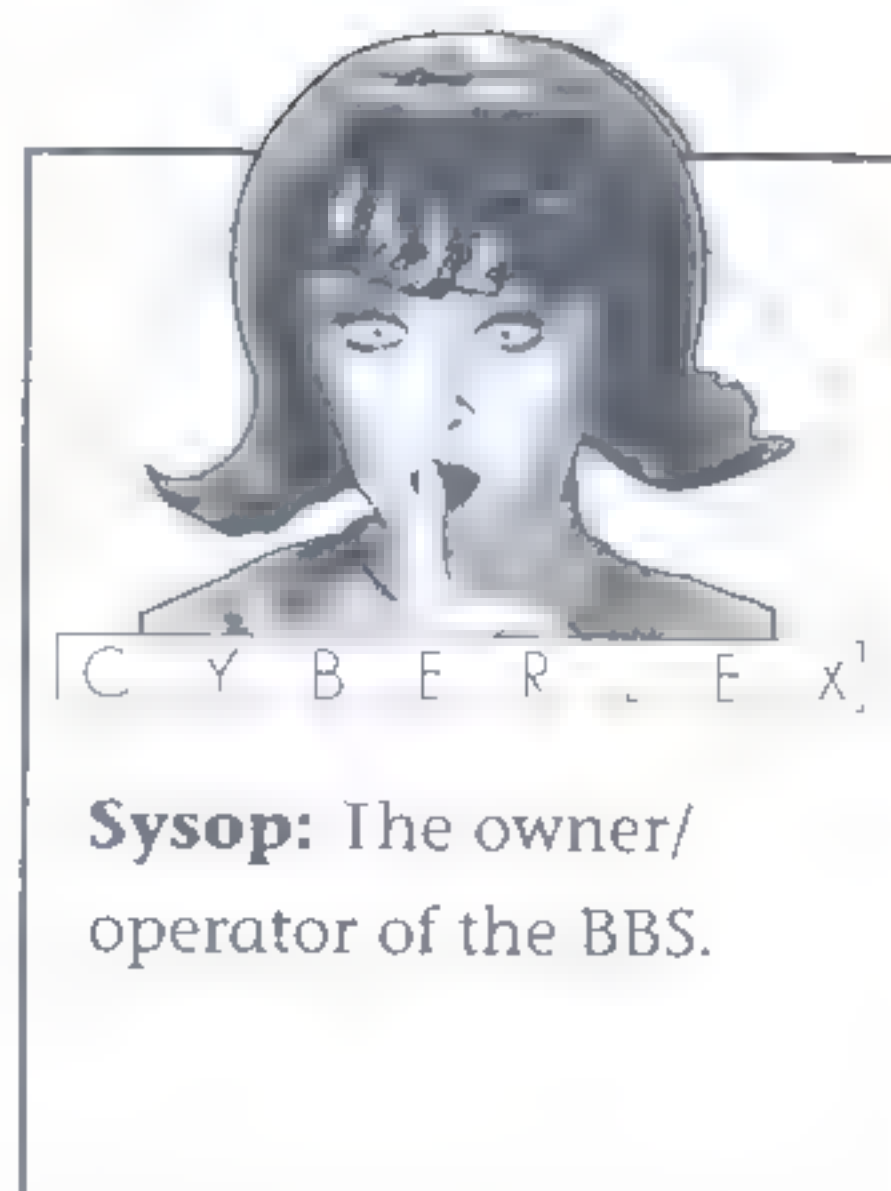
"All bulletin boards go through metamorphoses," states "Gabby," **sysop** of Gabby's Lounge, a Kansas City-based BBS. "My board initially was very fantasy-oriented. However, it takes a certain, rare kind of person to write effective erotic fantasies." The BBS now focuses on adult GIF files and animations, although "Gabby" hopes that a new group of talented fantasy-oriented callers will make their presence known.

"About 50 percent of our callers are from the Kansas City area, and the other 50 percent are from elsewhere, including England. My mission is for adults to be comfortable talking about sex without any stigma being attached," states Gabby. "Gabby's Lounge was founded in 1989 to support freedom of expression. My philosophy is not to make money, but to open up new avenues of sexual expression."



Gabby's Lounge is a favorite of swingers and quivering tongues.

Message bases serve swingers, gay and bisexual, and general adult users. The "swingset" message base, arranged in concert with *Swingset Magazine*, is teeming with adults looking for hardcore action. A Pennsylvania woman posts that she is a "lady on the street, but a real harlot behind closed doors" who believes in "safe sex, however there is nothing like a quivering tongue in the right places." A 22-year-old New York woman posts that her measurements are 35-23-34 and that she "enjoys all forms of sex and likes to keep all holes active!" A Florida woman states that she "loves to bake all kinds of goodies" and is looking for a "new loaf" to put into her oven.



“There is nothing like a quivering tongue in the right places.”

The "Direct Contact" message base is another avenue on Gabby's Lounge for swingers to meet. In addition to swinging singles on the prowl, there are also a lot of people advertising their services, from XXX-rated film processors to whip-wielding

mistresses. Mistress Carmen posts that to enter her stable, one must take her one-hour, 7-point test and pass. "Jacqi," posts her P.O. Box and describes herself as an "exhibitionist amputee" looking to fulfill fantasies.

Enter "Ringer's Bar" and hear the sound of glasses clinking and where boozy talk is the name of the social game. Hosted by "Dun Rungill," the intent is to allow people "to meet, get to know each other, and begin to express things they've always wanted to, in whatever form they want."

Gabby's Lounge features a significant library of erotic GIFs, from member photos to bondage to naked men for the women, as well as animations and hot tales.

Browsing around the Gabby's Lounge, another caller paged me for a chat:

Chatting with Jaco:

Jaco: Hi!

NT: Hi, where are you calling from?

Jaco: Kansas City.

NT: Why do you like calling in to this board?

Jaco: I've talked to a couple of women here...and they have photos.

NT: How are the photos special?

Jaco: Well they're either of someone you're talking to or are just personally appealing.

NT: Is there a GIF of you on-line?

Jaco: Not yet, but I've been thinking about it.

NT: What do you look like?

Jaco: I'm 6 ft. tall with brown hair and eyes, about 180 lbs, and people say I look much younger than my age or voice.

NT: How old are you?

Jaco: 36.

NT: That's young Jaco, are you single?

Jaco: Oh yes...

NT: Have you met any women from this board?

Jaco: One...

NT: What happened?

Jaco: We had been talking awhile, computer and voice...and we've been together once so far...it was nice.

Chatting with Jaco:

NT: What did you do together?

Jaco: I went over to her place and proceeded to play like we did over the phone....I rubbed her all over....

NT: All this on your first date?

Jaco: We had sex over the phone many times before we actually got together. And I had seen her GIFs, but of course she looked different in person.

Connecting Up

Bulletin Board	Modem #	Baud	Number of Lines
Gabby's Lounge	816-887-3480	1200-14,400 bps	8

For additional information, contact Gabby's Lounge, P.O. Box 233, Harrisonville, MO 64701-0233.

Gabby's Lounge BBS New User Information

To gain access to the adult areas, users must be 21 years of age or older and provide proof of age. Free and paid memberships are available. A download limit of 100K a day and 20 minutes daily access time is available free of charge. Once adult verification is received (via a copy of your driver's license or birth certificate), users receive adult area access and an increase in download limits to 500K. Paid subscriptions are \$3.00 per month, receive one hour daily, and have no downloading limits.

THE GaRBaGe DuMP

Go ahead and talk some on-line trash—chat's the thing at THE GaRBaGe DuMP, where there are no distracting GIF files and there's no such thing as dirty laundry!

Log on to THE GaRBaGe DuMP on a Saturday evening and you're instantly surrounded by friends. *NightShade*, *Cougar*, *Thundar*, *Sweetie*, *Tease*, *Stomper*, *Tantrum*, *Hungwell*, *TexStud*, *Maxiboy*, and a plethora of other on-line Lotharios are only a keystroke away. THE GaRBaGe DuMP, with over 5,000 active members, is actually two different systems located in two different cities, Albuquerque and Denver, and connected by a leased line.



The men from THE GaRBaGe DuMP—(left to right) Larry Fox, Dean Kerl, David Kerl, Simon Kent (Courtesy of THE GaRBaGe DuMP).

“We believe the wave of the future involves human beings connecting and interrelating. That’s why our main focus is on chat and on-line entertainment.”

The GaRBaGe DuMP’s primary focus is on chat, games, and messages sent through the national e-mail networks. “At The GaRBaGe DuMP we believe the wave of the future involves human beings connecting and interrelating. That’s why our main focus is on chat and on-line entertainment. The GaRBaGe DuMP decided to eliminate

GIF files from the system due to copyright infringement issues, but sysop Dean Kerl believes the scene at the BBS is now much more intimate. “Our chat and gaming users have a real loyalty to our system and help make it grow,” states Kerl “The GIF downloaders rarely contributed to our system. They rarely chatted with other members. They simply would download files and leave. We’ve created a more personal, friendly environment without the GIF files.”

The ChatLink feature links the discussion chat lounge to other BBSs around the country from 9:30 p.m. till 1:00 a.m. each night. Multiplayer games offered include *Dungeons and Dragons* adventure role-playing games, football pools, poker, and many others.

If you’re looking for that perfect on-line alter ego, check out the “Let’s Get Personal Dating” feature. After filling out the questionnaire, run a search to see how well other users match up with you. The “Let’s Get Personal Dating” feature queries the user on forty-eight questions regarding physical appearance, hobbies, work, sexual turn-ons and turn-offs, drinking, smoking and drug habits, food preferences, and dating attitudes.



Piece of Mind

“On-line you’ll find people who want to express themselves while escaping the barriers of physical makeup, while conversing with someone who doesn’t know their weaknesses. In other words, people who want to escape the real world and live a hidden secret under an assumed identity.”



On-line Types

UrFantasy: A green-eyed, 32 year old Albuquerque beauty, into “physical encounters”, and not touch football...wants the real ball!



The GaRBaGe DuMP—a playground for adults.



On-line Types

Litmyfire: A 47-year-old attractive, tall, caring Albuquerque resident...looking for Mr. Right, not Mr. Right Now.

After filling out my survey, the search revealed that my best match, at 69-percent compatibility was, "1 of 3," Looking up the stats on "1 of 3" reveals that he is a 40-year-old Caucasian straight male, 6' tall, with brown eyes and hair, weighs 202 pounds and lives in San Jose, California. He states that "my wife and I would like to meet a female or nice couple." Hey, this is the best they can do for me? Who said I was looking for a menage-a-trois?

The second-best match for me is "1999" at 66-percent compatibility. A search on "1999" proves a bit more encouraging. He's a 30-year-old, 5'10", straight man with blue eyes and blonde hair. He has a Doctorate in something or other and his favorite hobbies are sex, movies, and theatre. The third-best choice,

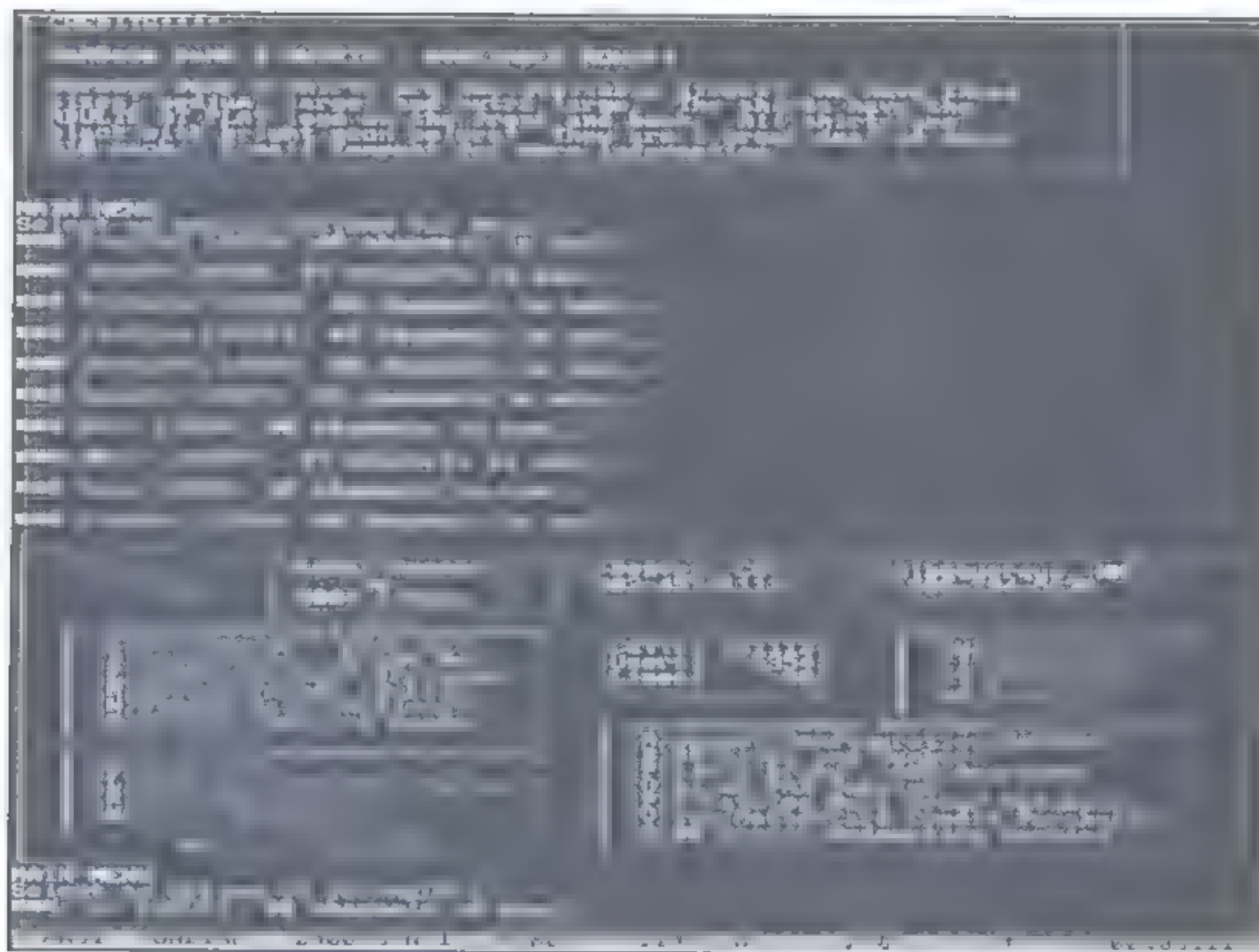
"Alp," at 63-percent compatibility, is a self-described "laid-back, easygoing person," 38 years old, 5'10" tall, 190 lbs., with two children. His favorite hobbies include sex, aviation, photography, and electronics/computers. Somehow the pursuit of sex is a common thread woven into every profile!



Pool party and no date? The mermaid (or merman) of your dreams can be found on THE GaRBaGe DuMP!

*“The pursuit of sex
is a common thread
woven into every
profile.”*

The Adult Forums Menu serves up hearty portions covering Adult Issues, Gay/Bi/Curious National Forum, Dirty/Nasty/Filthy Jokes, Swingers Discussions, Sexual X-tremes (B&D, S&M, etc) and Adult Health Issues.



A “Chinese menu” of adult entertainment—pick from column A or B.

In THE GaRBaGe DuMP's the Sexual Extremes Forum, users with a fetish for leather, lace, pain and pleasure talk shop:

Submitted for Your Approval

From: ML

To: All

Re: Sub-Dom Extremes

In many cases, the dom has started out as a submissive. When they become fully trained they become a task mistress (I say this because usually this role is taken by women) and then a full mistress. In the group I'm in, the men don't usually switch back and forth, but I

Submitted for Your Approval

have heard of it....it is said that you really cannot know the full limits of being a dom until you have experienced the submissive side. I myself am very straight, but my submissives are all bi-females.

The following are some jokes from THE GaRBaGe DuMP's "Dirty/Nasty/Filthy Jokes" forum:

Screams, Squirms, and Fakes

Do you know how to make your wife or lover scream during sex?
(Call her and tell her who you're with!)

What do lawyers and sperm have in common? (They're both
squirmy and slimy, and only one in 100,000 ever accomplishes
anything!)

Why do so many women fake orgasms? (Because so many men fake
foreplay!)

Connecting Up

Bulletin Board	Modem #	Baud	Number of Lines
THE GaRBaGe DuMP	505-294-5675	2400	45
(NM)	505-294-0803	9600	10
(Denver)	303-457-1111	2400	14

For additional information, contact The GaRBaGe DuMP, P.O. Box 16032, Albuquerque, NM 87191, (505) 294-4980 (voice). National access to over 500 cities through local phone lines is available.



THE GaRBaGe DuMP system at work. (Courtesy of THE GaRBaGe DuMP.)

THE GaRBaGe DuMP BBS New User Information

Checks, Visa/MasterCard are accepted forms of payment. Subscriptions start at \$10 for 20 hours.

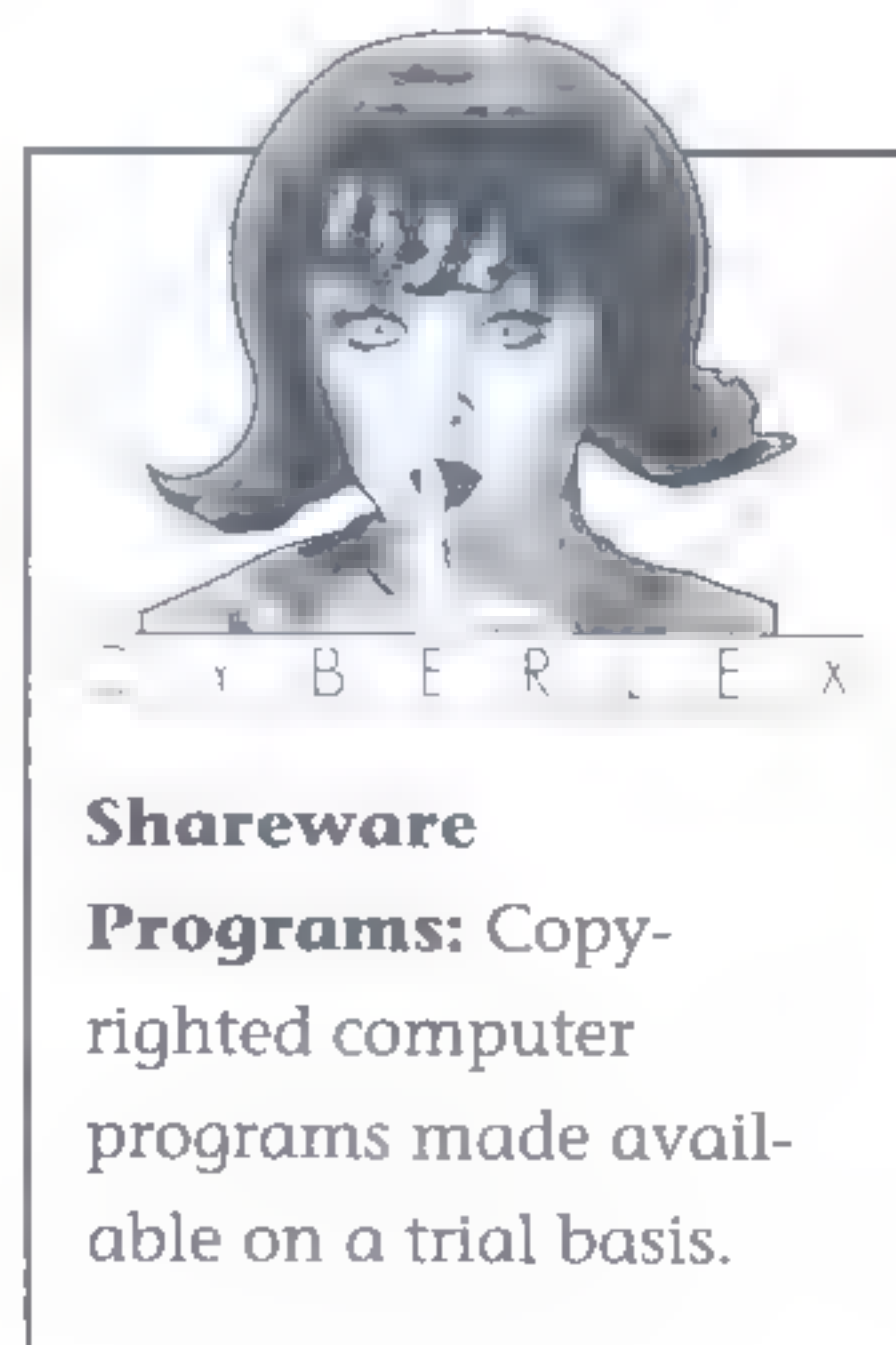
Heat In The Night

Turn up the heat! Sizzle your night away with this free chat line and its assortment of adult GIF files, erotic text and shareware programs.

Log onto Heat In The Night, and you've entered a singles bar where the drinks are free and the talk is fast and furious. As a female, the moment you enter into this electronic mating village, you'll be bombarded by men and bisexual woman, pulling you into private chat. If this all becomes too overwhelming, exercise your option to say "no" to chat requests with a simple command. The roving digital masses will then attempt to catch your e-mail eye by leaving voluminous quantities of mail.

Heat In The Night, based in Des Moines, Iowa, attracts local, national and international callers. Pulled into a private chat with *Ignatius*, I asked him to tell me something about him. He advises I browse his questionnaire. Always one to follow direct commands, I do. The questionnaire reveals that Ignatius is a 25-year-old, 120 lb., single male computer professional who resides in Singapore. Prospects for face-to-face seem remote.

Chatting is Heat In The Night's major draw. Users can elect one-on-one talks or open forum party chats. After e-mail is sent, an "envelope" will pop up on your screen alerting you that your mail has been delivered. There is a small collection of erotic text files, adult GIFs, and **shareware programs** on tap too.



Shareware

Programs: Copyrighted computer programs made available on a trial basis.



Piece of Mind

"Perverts use adult boards. It's a release."

Since this bulletin board charges no fees, it is always active. Whether you dial on in the morning, noon, or in the wee hours of the night, you're sure to meet new on-line friends. After **logging on** for the first time, you'll be asked to fill out a questionnaire focusing on physical characteristics (height, weight, hair color, etc.) as well as job and hobby-related matters. This information can be accessed by other callers who are looking to make connections.



C Y B E R P L E X

Logging on: Establishing a connection or gaining access to a computer system or peripheral device.

There is no verification of Heat in the Night users, thus sexual ambiguity runs rampant here. The overwhelmingly high male ratio (about 90 percent male) inspires some male users to masquerade as straight or bisexual females in order to get more on-line attention. Whatever gets you through the night! Just don't fall too hard for that dazzling blonde waitress until you talk voice—you just may be chatting with an imaginative, hot and bothered 13-year-old boy!

Connecting Up

Bulletin Board	Modem #	Baud	Number of Lines
Heat In The Night	515-945-6227	2400	24
	515-945-6224	9600	

For information, contact Box 3891, Kent, WA 98032-0391.

Heat In The Night BBS New User Information

This system is free to all users. All callers are allowed 400 minutes access time daily and are given full access to all available functions. There is no voice verification of users on this BBS.

Hotlanta, Roswell, GA

Curious about the world of Cybersex, but worried about your anonymity? An on-line account with Hotlanta is secure as a Swiss bank account...mum's the word!

True anonymity exists at Hotlanta. Sysop, Michael Deen, a libertarian at heart, does not keep real user names and telephone numbers on file. When the registration process is complete, the user is identified by their account number exclusively.

Established in 1986, Hotatlanta celebrated their millionth caller in June 1993. Although Hotlanta maintains a small number of adult GIFs, animations and erotic text files, the primary emphasis is getting users linked through chatting and e-mail. "Hotlanta is responsible for two marriages, and three more later this year," states Michael Deen. "This board is a non-discriminating medium. We have disabled callers who view this BBS as a place to talk to the world without discrimination. We have people looking to connect. Whatever callers' sexual preferences or lifestyles are, Hotlanta is an adult system intended for the open-minded, adventurous and accepting."



Piece of Mind

"There are many positives about Hotlanta—my husband, my friends, and the fun we've all shared together. There have been good times and bad, rumors and truths. We lost a friend recently, but everyone on the board pulled together and handled it. We're there for each other and cry when there are defeats. It's like having 500 best friends!!!"

In the public message forum "Welcome To The Land of Romance," "Southern Gentleman," fresh from proposing marriage to "Kay" declares that he met the "best friend and best love anyone could ever find through this BBS....and would have never met Kay and learned the meaning of true and unconditional love without her." Wedding bells chime.

True love aside, callers are dialing into Hotlanta for other kinds of passion as well. "Tes," a 23-year-old bisexual woman pulled me into private chat to determine my viability as a side order for her and her husband. Why am I always the french fries, never the steak?

Connecting Up

Bulletin Board	Modem #	Baud	Number of Lines
Hotlanta	404-992-5345	300/1200/2400 MNP-V.42bis/ 4800/9600 V.32 MNP9600 & V.32 & V.42	32

For more information, contact sysop Michael Deen, at P.O. Box 76902, Roswell, GA 30076, (404) 998-2050 (voice), (404) 998-2050 (fax)

Hotlanta BBS New User Information

The rate for a six month membership is \$15 for one hour priority access, \$30 for 2 hour priority access, \$45 for 3 hour priority access and \$60 for unlimited priority access. Payment must be made by check or money order. To access the system, first complete the on-line registration process, providing real name and phone number for verification. If you live outside of the Atlanta area, fax or mail in a photo ID and signed statement attesting you are 18 years of age or older. A sample form is provided on the board. After verification, a 30-day free trial membership with 30 minutes daily access time (not including uploads or downloads) is available.

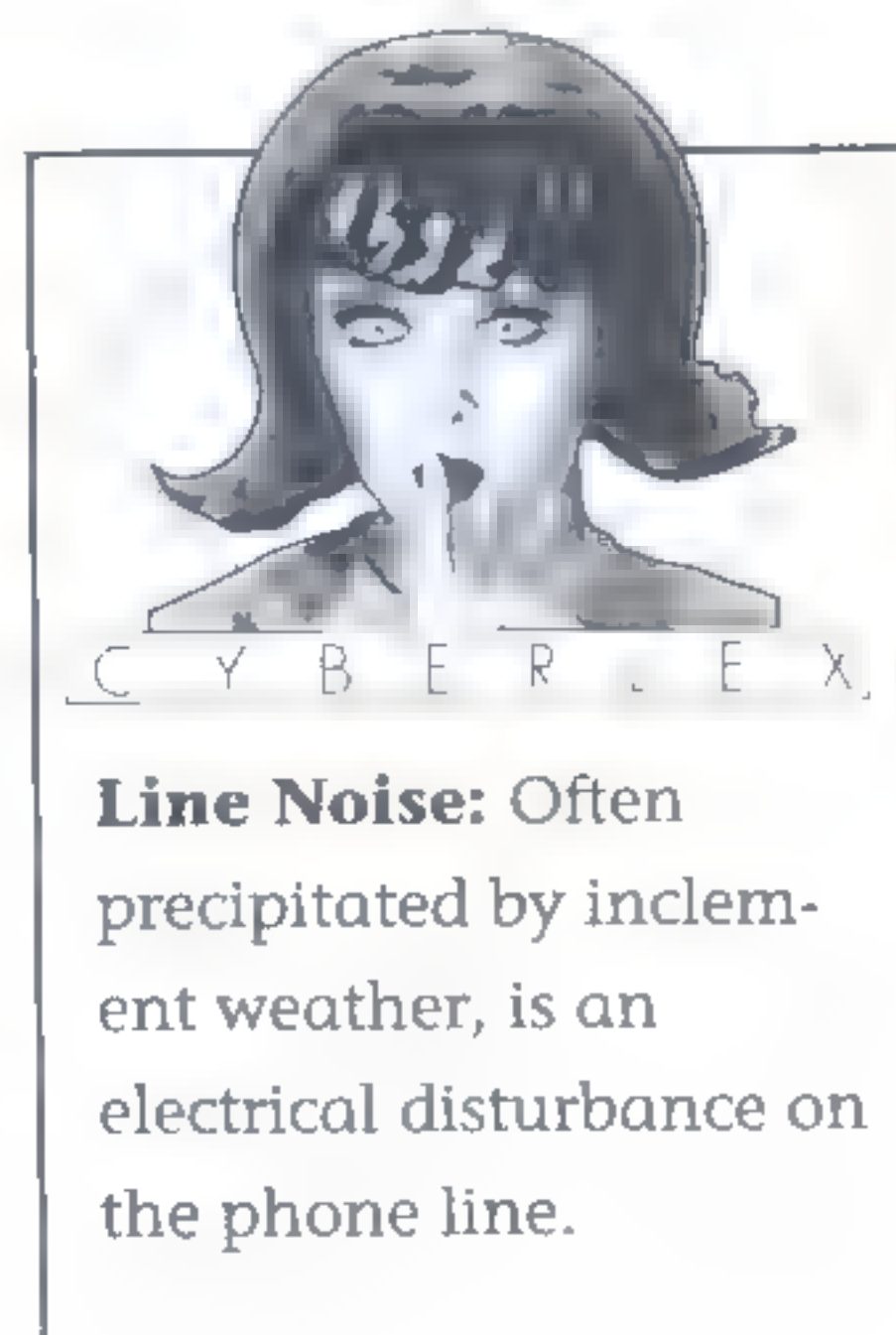
LACE

Look out: erotic images of elegant women abound! A read-only board, Lace doesn't offer chat—so save your breath and open your eyes!

If “hot chatting” leaves you cold but steamy pictures murmur a thousand words, turn to Lace On-Line Magazine. Lace offers the highest-quality adult GIF images available. The magazine has an extensive library of photographic and video images produced by their in-house production facilities. It does not allow users to upload their own, possibly contraband, images into libraries.

Founded in March 1993, by Richard Stevens, a noted photographer who gained a cult following from his adult library in CompuServe, the Los Angeles-based Lace has already attracted thousands of callers looking for titillating images of beautiful women. “I believe that men are ruled by the visual, and women are emotionally-driven,” says Stevens. “Although I’m always looking for input from women, men account for over 95 percent of our current callers. Our images meet all community standards. What you will see is explicit nudity of breathtakingly stunning women. Members can download images of gorgeous models in sexy swimwear and lingerie, exciting girls in provocative and explicit nude poses, and love sets (guys with girls, girls with girls).”

Lace is bursting with pride about its sexy, buxom, young sysop, Christy. Featured prominently throughout the GIF file areas, the images of Christy on all fours “like a cat on the prowl,” and seductively posed nude on a sofa have driven many male callers into hormonal overdrive. “Christy receives tons of e-mail every day. We also have our share of heavy-breathers calling to try and speak with her. She really does work here, and besides her obvious sex appeal she is really a genuinely nice human being,” boasts Stevens.



Line Noise: Often precipitated by inclement weather, is an electrical disturbance on the phone line.



Turned off by the crude and rude graphics common to many adult boards? Lace's professional image files may provide the touch of class you are looking for.

Two electronic magazines, Glamour & Boudoir Photography and Video Xcitement! are available on Lace. Glamour & Boudoir Photography shows a wide variety of gorgeous models photographed in every corner of the globe. Video Xcitement! magazine shows real people, not slick models, who are eager to perform for the camera—still and video. Reviews of XXX and R-rated videos, as well as the inside gossipy scoop are included as well.

Connecting Up

On-line Adult Magazine	Modem #	Baud	Number of Lines
LACE	818-709-4275	up to 16,800	64

For information on Lace can be obtained by calling (818) 709-3795.

Lace On-Line Magazine BBS

New User Information

Lace has been set up to emulate IBM graphics and ANSI/Color emulation. Access may only be purchased in hourly increments. Access at 2400 baud (or lower) is \$9.95 per hour. Access at 9600 baud or greater is \$19.95 per hour. Access to Glamour and Boudoir Photography magazine is \$9.95 per issue. Video Xcitement is available for a \$14.95 flat rate with no hourly connect time charges. MasterCard, Visa, checks, and money orders are accepted. For customer support call (818) 709-3795.

Talking with Richard Stevens

The following interview was held with Richard Stevens, a professional adult photographer and proprietor of Lace. Richard Stevens' adult photographs are widely acclaimed in erotica circles, both digital and print:

NT: How do you feel about bulletin board operations who download your images and upload them onto their own services without clearing permissions with Lace?

Stevens: Lace is different than most other on-line services in that we have studio facilities right in our building. I have to answer your question in two different ways, first as a photographer and second as a businessman/owner.

As an artist, I get very angry when someone steals my work and then uses it, without my permission, for any purpose whatsoever, including putting it on-line and making money from it. It's a very personal violation. I believe that these BBS operators are nothing

Talking with Richard Stevens

more than PIRATES....thieves, looking for a free ride in order to make money at my expense. I've worked very hard as an artist to create my images and have spent thousands of dollars doing so. Why should a BBS operator be able to steal it, exploit it, and derive revenues from it without my permission, and without compensation to me for its use? It's just plain wrong.

The copyright laws are there to protect me. I want to decide on how my product is commercially exploited and I am entitled to the revenues it generates...not the BBS pirate!

As a business person, I view the BBS community like being in the broadcasting/television business. We are all trying to reach and/or compete for an audience and we want to entertain and/or inform that audience. We all need programming/images in order to entertain our audience. The television station either licenses their programming from program suppliers or they produce their programming in-house. An on-line service should be no different. When a BBS operator has downloaded an image from Lace and uploaded it to his BBS without our permission, again, in our minds he is a PIRATE, a thief, someone who is trying to gain an economic advantage at the expense of someone else. Again, the copyright laws prohibit such conduct.

I believe that quite a few BBS operators are aware of another on-line service that recently settled out of court for \$500,000 when a copyright infringement action was filed by the copyright owner. I believe that we are going to see more copyright infringement actions in the future, with the increase in popularity of on-line services. Copyright owners are now becoming aware of the value of their assets in the on-line environment, and like Lace, intend to protect it, by pursuing all legal avenues, both criminal and civil. BBS operators will have to stop pirating images and acquire their programming/images legally and responsibly.

NT: What standards and practices should an adult on-line service maintain regarding copyright issues and morality?

Talking with Richard Stevens

Stevens: As to copyright issues, on-line services need to know the source of their images. They need to do business with reputable individuals or companies who are in the business of licensing images so that they don't have any copyright infringement exposure. For years BBS operators have chosen to ignore copyright issues, and maybe they've been lucky enough to avoid criminal or civil action. However, the nature of the on-line business is changing and copyright owners are now enforcing their legal rights.

As to the morality issue, if a BBS operator is going to entertain his audience with adult material, he needs to be concerned whether or not his images can be considered obscene, based upon local community standards. However, the nature of the on-line business dictates that their images may be accessed from anywhere in the country. Hence, what may be acceptable and not considered obscene within their local state, may be considered obscene in another. Community standards differ from state to state. So if a BBS operator is entertaining their audience with this type of material, they need to be acutely aware that they may have some criminal and/or civil exposure.

NT: How do you explain the tremendous growth of adult-oriented on-line services?

Stevens: I believe the growth of the on-line area stems from a variety of sources. First, some states have made it difficult for adults to obtain adult material, either in print or video format. However, in an on-line environment, it is easily accessible. Second, people want to be anonymous in their purchase of erotic imagery. The on-line business allows them to buy these types of images in the privacy of their home or office. Unless someone has access to their computer, no one knows what lies on that hard drive! Lastly, people want to have contact with others in a sexual way, but are concerned about actual contact, especially with AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases running rampant these days. The on-line environment allows someone to engage in sexual discussions, maybe living out their wildest fantasies, all in a very safe and healthy environment.

Talking with Richard Stevens

NT: Why does Lace address the needs of heterosexual men only? How come you don't offer more explicit images of men for women and gay and bisexual men?

Stevens: Lace is an adult on-line magazine that caters primarily to the heterosexual male audience. Having prior business contacts in this area, we felt that our expertise in putting up an on-line magazine should compliment our past experiences.

Laura's Lair

Share your secret—let Laura know your fantasies and her models will fulfill them for you on film. Download these custom-made images, browse her extensive library of GIF files, movies, stories, and games, or engage in some steamy chat...a world of opportunity

Laura's Lair BBS is nestled on 80 acres of beautiful Ava, Missouri, terrain. "A more beautiful place to live doesn't exist," states 33-year-old, sexy sysop Laura Brito. Laura puts the privacy and beauty of her home and surroundings to work for her members. "I hire models to act out my caller's fantasies on film. I am doing this with great success," states Laura Brito. "I don't charge the user for this at all. I figure if the users want it, I should do the best I can to deliver!"

"Anything that is different or strange can go on here." Subjects include body piercing and enemas."


The number-one draw at Laura's Lair's is the adult file collection of GIFs, movies, stories, and games. The board also maintains its own message base, as well as carrying links to a wide range of networks including ThrobNet, AfterDark, Valnet, GonzoNet,

UnitedNet, SportNet, PetNet, FemNet, FidoNet, RoseNet, UseNet and Internet conferences. Laura's Lair's local conference, "Different Strokes" is not for the faint-hearted. "Anything that is different or strange can go on here," says Brito, and subjects include enemas and body piercing. Drawing a national and international crowd, the language of the board is open-minded.

As adept at electronics as she is with erotic subjects, Brito has built all 15 computers on her system, 386 or better, from scratch. Brito got heavily into computing 12 years ago, when she bought her first PC in an attempt to show up her brother-in-law. "Now I build and sell computers from my home. I'm even teaching my husband to use one. My 13-year-old son is already programming!"



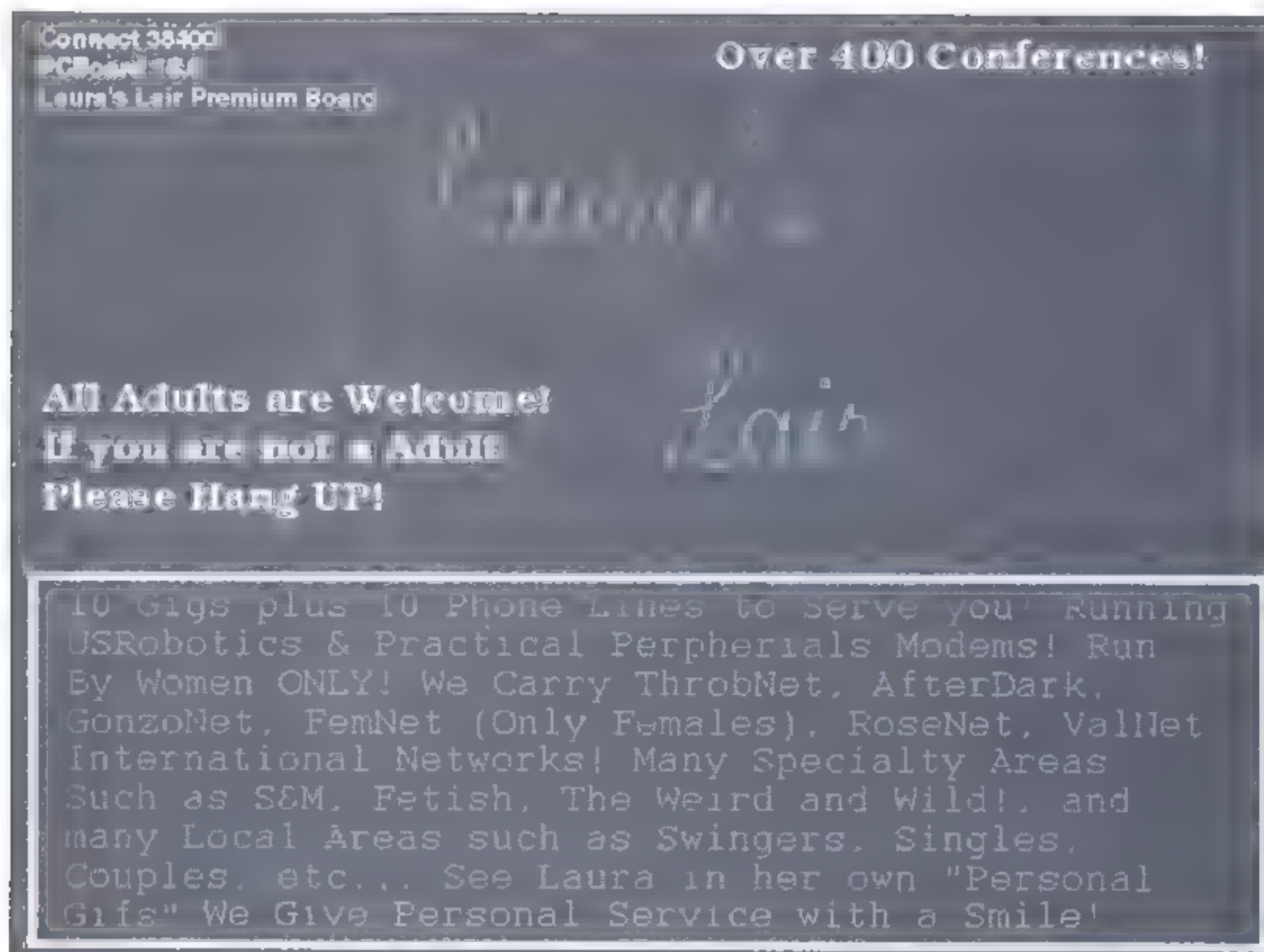
Luscious Laura Brito, the sysop of Laura's Lair, posing for your visual enjoyment.



Hot Chat: Also known as Compusex, this lascivious on-line banter, if done correctly, leads to one-handed typing, resulting in a digitally-induced climax.

"I love running this board," enthuses Brito, who is the subject of many GIFs offered on her board, "I love the sysop life. I thoroughly enjoy my users who call in from all over the United States. I've met quite a few in person and they are intelligent, fun-loving people. I am also proud of the images available on my board which are all licensed."

If you're looking for terminal monitor meltdown, Laura's Lair is definitely a good place to hang out.



Take advantage of Laura's Lair's attentive personal service and let your image be a star on-line.

Connecting Up

Bulletin Board	Modem #	Baud	Number of Lines
Laura's Lair	417-683-5534	up to 14.4 kbps	10

Laura's Lair can be reached at (417) 683-5534.

Laura's Lair BBS New User Information

New users are permitted 30 minutes of access each day for 30 days with no download limit. Only select files are available for download. A one-year membership, with 75 minutes of access time daily, no download limit is \$72. A six-month membership,

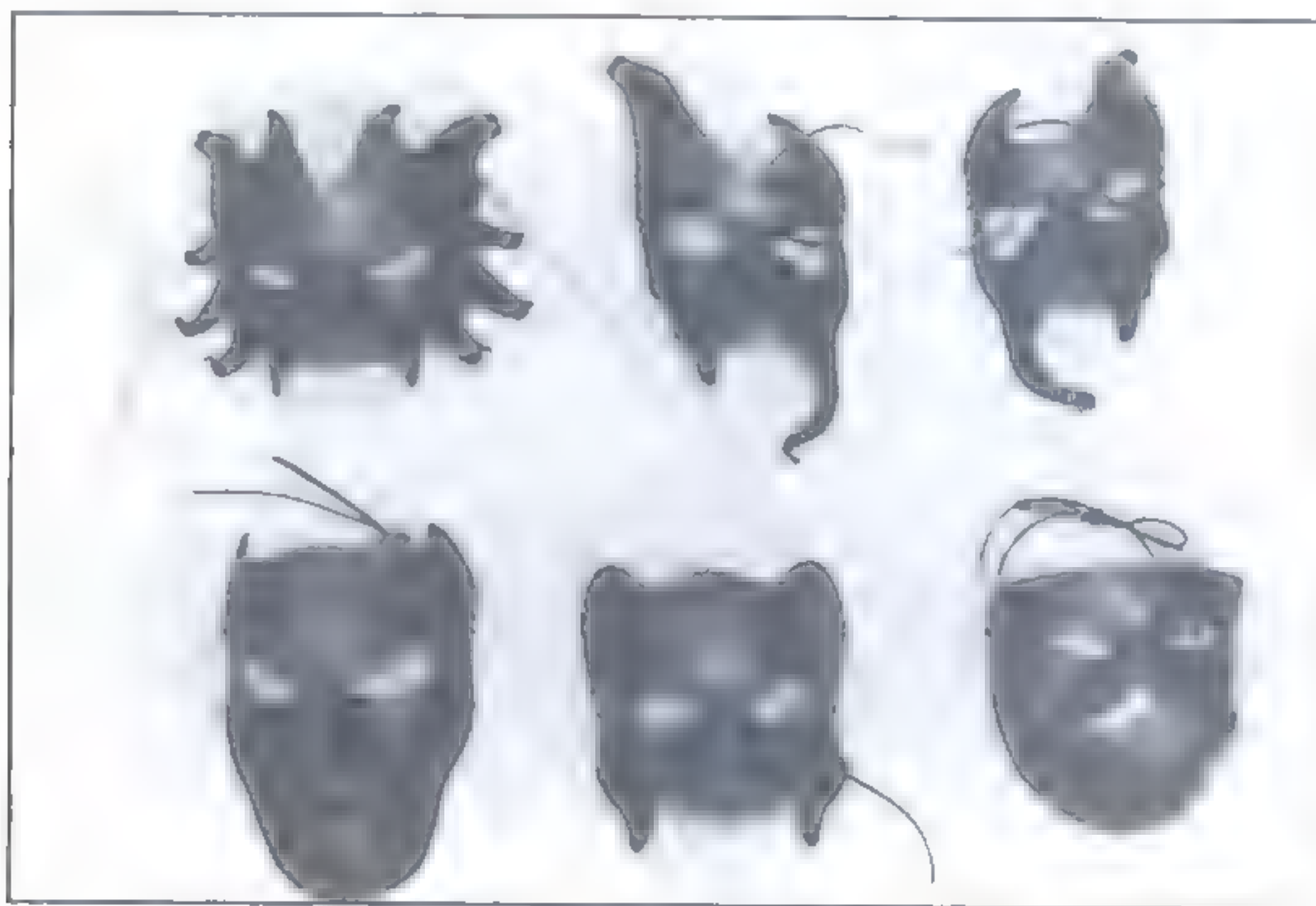


with 60 minutes of access time daily, no download limit is \$38.00. A one-year membership with 60 minutes of access time daily and up to 3M download daily is \$55.00 and is offered for six months at \$29.00. A lifetime membership, with 75 minutes of access time daily and no download limit is available for \$249. Laura's Lair requires age verification.

Lifestyle & Lifestyle GRAFIX

See no evil, speak no evil...Lifestyle offers chat and matching for people of all lifestyles (and no visuals). Lifestyle GRAFIX offers only the hottest in XXX-rated images—GIF files and movies (and no chatting).

A veritable automat of sexual proclivities, Lifestyle offers up generous portions of swingers, bondage and discipline disciples, bisexuals, gays and lesbians, cross-dressers, transvestites, transsexuals, and the all-encompassing fetish aficionados. Logging on in mid-afternoon, mid-week, the swinging on-line jungle on Long Island's Lifestyle BBS is already alive with activity. A true couple for the '90s, a transvestite and "bi-curious" dominant female are on-line exploring with the likes of the "hot and horny, discreet and fun" New Haven-based "Theresa and John." Kentucky-based "Thumper" likes to "watch, talk, trade pictures and videos, light B&D, and be kinky."



Leather masks—pick your favorite or just wear a new one each day! (Courtesy of Mr. S. Leather Co./Fetters.)

A shortage of nubile young females translates into instant on-line popularity for female users. Almost 40 minutes after I launch an initial cyberexploration and start filling out a questionnaire that will allow access into the "Swinging Room," I receive the following unsolicited mail:

Three Wags of the Tail

From: DomMale

To: Nancy

Hi Nancy, do you have an interest in B&D? Welcome to the BBS, I wanted to chat but you were in chat with another....if I can help you find your way around, please ask.....

From: Dreamer

To: Nancy

Saw you on the board today, but you were in private chat. Wanted to see if we can help each other get things going. Let me know if you're interested and what turns you on. Sorry, but I'm leaving for Seattle right now! Speak to you next week, hopefully.

From: Foreign

To: Nancy

Hello, I just got a job in New York City and will be starting June 2nd. I see that you are from the city? Anyway, I was hoping to meet someone to show me around and someone to hang with. If you would like to talk, please e-mail me with the times you are on. Thanks.

Lifestyle BBS, a proud member of the North America Swing Club Association, was founded by Marc Kraft two years ago. A self-declared non-addictive personality, Kraft first tried a local BBS to kill some time as he was recuperating from a leg injury. The next morning he arose wondering if he had any e-mail, and an avid BBSer was born. Realizing there was a need for a central on-line meeting ground for the sexually avant-garde, from swingers to cross-dressers, Kraft founded Lifestyle two years ago.

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and can’t make contact
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within hours on
Lifestyle, there is
something wrong with
your computer!”*

“There’s an intimacy in getting to know someone on-line that is unique,” states Kraft. “Everything is superficial when you first meet in person. You judge a person by their looks, their manner of speech, but on the computer you can be more bold, more intimate. You can ask or say anything you want.”

“People can meet people through Lifestyle. If you’re a couple and can’t make contact with other couples within hours on Lifestyle, there is something wrong with your computer!”

Chat, be it private, public, or conference, is the major attraction of Lifestyle. However, this BBS also allows you to find the mistress, master, or swinging couple of your dreams, by running your individual demands, matched by your specific criteria, through the matchmaking area. If you prefer some solo stimulative activity, plenty of titillating tales are on tap, as well.

Logging on to Lifestyle a second day, I eagerly check into my overflowing mailbox. Suddenly, Vermont no longer conjures up visions of dairy state pastoralism. Instead I envision log cabins decked out with the latest in B&D gear, with jugs of maple syrup handy to be used in creative ways:

Patrick's Plea

From: Patrick

To: Nancy

Hi Nancy, I know you are being swamped by all the men on board but I hope we get a chance to "meet" some time. I am a SWM living in Vermont and sexually on the erotic dominant side. I would love to know more about you.

The anonymity of this is fun and breaks down some barriers rather quickly. I do travel a great deal in my work and go through NYC about twice a month. Clearly this is a sexual BBS and I am sexual. I am straight and enjoy attractive, intelligent women. The exploration of a woman's submissive side, if she has one, is very exciting. I am not a status quo person. I like change and new experiences of all kinds.

Reading on, I wonder aloud, would it be rude for me to give Smadi the local number of Sex Addicts Anonymous:

Smadi's Smoke

From: Smadi

To: Nancy

Hi Nancy. I will be in the city at the Marriot Marquis the evening of June 23rd and am interested in some passion. Please check my profile, and, if interested, respond with some statistics on yourself and any special interests you may have. Thanks! Dick (Sex Addict)

Heading into the Swinging Room, let's see what's been posted for our viewing pleasure:

Tryst with Travelling Man?

From: Travelling Man

To: All

This 30s in shape married guy travels to Tampa, Dallas, and Boston periodically and is ready to experiment with a couple. If having an extra is one of your fantasies, just reply to this message and let's see what develops. Willing to merely be your video man, that extra set of caressing fingers and lips, someone you could watch and be watched, or a full participant. I'm looking forward to meeting that couple who is as considerate and into mutual fun as I am.



Nasties and Nicies

Capital Punishment:

Do not type in all caps if you wish to make on-line friends! Typing in all caps is the equivalent to shouting! DO YOU HEAR ME?!!!

Now where have I run into this guy. Boston, no, maybe Las Vegas?

Cool it, Kevin

From: Kevin

To: All

Hi, my name is Kevin and I will be in Atlanta for the COMDEX computer trade show from May 22 to 28th. I am looking for an attractive woman to spend some time with while there. If you are interested, please reply. Thanks, Kevin.

This guy must be trying to cut down on his daily caloric intake:

Hungry Guy's Menu

From: Cl****kr

To: All

I am looking for women in the Boston area to [sate my hunger around noon]. Perhaps you'll get hungry too! At home or discreetly at work. Also seeking women who are bored sitting at home and need a little sexual release, such as exploring your fantasies, sexual costumes, semi-public sex, flashing, etc. I'm good looking and clean as a whistle and you should be too. Also want to try phone sex for those too far away during the daytime.

Here's another. Don't tell me Liz Taylor's man is itching to leave!

Have Equipment, Will Travel

From: Beefcake Gary

To: All

Hello, I'm looking for a mistress to serve in the Pittsburgh area. I am very experienced in sexual activities and can satisfy almost any woman. I am presently a kept man and I'm looking for a change of scenery. Either for another woman to keep me or a dominant female. No sexual acts are too wild, that's the way I like them. If you know a woman who needs a permanent escort, please let me know. I will also do movies and videos. I can travel if the benefits are inviting. Good sex!



Piece of Mind

"A lot of folks try out the adult BBSs, but only the mature serious people stay on as regulars. I believe that the Adult BBSs are the purest form of freedom of expression."

Before the night is brought to a close, let's see if there's any new mail to read and then go and drift off to a peaceful slumber.



A "Teddy" for everyone! Cuddle up with one of these when the Mistress or Master is away. (Courtesy of Mr. S. Leather Co./Fetters.)

A Really Fun Game Room

From: DomMale

To: Nancy

Nancy, I'm not sure you're into B&D, especially the pain part, but here goes a brief scene introduction. If this is too heavy for you, I understand that ALL limits are always respected.

I would like to strip you naked and handcuff your wrists behind your back and ankle cuffs (larger handcuffs on a bit longer chain)....[Too steamy for public viewing]....Then attach a chain leash to the clips and lead you down stairs to my basement game room.

Here I attach your leash and in the dim light you can make out....MASTER -=Duke=-

Whoever said men are only looking to receive rather than give never met "IS**k". Fan club anyone?

Pleased to Meet You

From: IS**k

To: Nancy

Re: Intro

Hi Nancy, saw you on-line and am introducing myself. I am a M/W/Bi/M, mid 40s, oral submissive. Love pleasing women either by e-mail or in person. Reciprocation not necessary. Hope to hear from you.

Pleased to Meet You

From: Nancy

To: IS**k

Why do you enjoy giving to others without reciprocation? Are you a sexual martyr?

From: IS**k

To: Nancy

No, I'm not a martyr. I am a submissive and love to serve women. I love it so much that I am willing to orally worship a women even if she does not want to reciprocate. Obviously, her reciprocation is much more fun. May I serve you, either via e-mail or in person? I have been well trained in bringing pleasure to women and am continuing my training. My key trainer is basically lesbian. She gets very displeased if I do not bring her as much pleasure, for as long a time, as one of her girlfriends. Hope to hear more from you.

Pleasure, pain, passion, and maple syrup—they are all available in many forms on Lifestyle.

Connecting Up

Bulletin Board	Modem #	Baud	Number of Lines
Lifestyle	516-689-5390	2400	48
	516-689-5967	9600	7
GRAFIX	516-698-2853	9600	16

For information, contact Lifestyle BBS, Inc. P.O. Box 453, Lake Grove, NY 11755-0453

Lifestyle BBS New User Information



Three-month access is available for \$49 (plus tax for NY residents). On-line credit-card registration is available with Visa/MasterCard or American Express. Checks and money orders also accepted. Send to Lifestyle BBS, Inc. P.O. Box 453, Lake Grove, NY 11755-0453

If you are interested in hardcore GIFs, check out Lifestyle's sister organization, GRAFIX. You won't find chat or postings, just the hottest in XXX-rated images. GIFs and movie images, in **.GL**, **.DL**, and **.FLI** formats. Viewers are supplied free of charge on-line. This system addresses the following subjects: swinging, dominant & submissive, bisexual, TV/TS (transvestitism and transexuality), lesbian, gay, and fetishes.

GRAFIX BBS New User Information

Option Plan A—\$35 for five hours; Option Plan B—\$65 for ten hours. Access can only be purchased with credit card. No checks or money orders.

Mindvox

Liberate your body and your mind as you encounter the intensely cerebral ("I think, therefore I am") to the overtly sexual ("I think I love my dog!") on Mindvox. With no GIFs or questionnaires, you are free to penetrate the many minds you will engage...and find your way to eternal bliss!

You won't find megabytes of XXX-GIFs on Mindvox, nor will you be asked to fill out a questionnaire stipulating your breast size. Defining what is sexy means defining what one *finds* sexy. If your brain cries out for heated discourse with a broad cross-section of humanity, from musicians to hackers to scientists, on the philosophical aspects of virtual reality and other cyberspace topics, Mindvox is your panacea. Cybersex is definitely in vogue here.

“Mindvox offers a client server connection directly into this hotbed of libidinous overload.”

Patrick Kroupa and Bruce Fancher, the proprietors of the New York based Mindvox and former members of the famed hackers group Legion of Doom, launched their board in May 1992 to fill a void in cyberspace. “We just saw

that a lot of interesting technologies were not being used for anything but file-servers,” says Kroupa, a tall, 25-year-old high school dropout, referring to the scores of boards that pump sex for sex's sake.



Piece of Mind

“People from all walks of life, from your average waitress to major business executives, call in.... Most BBSs I call are like a big family. We go out together, we chat a lot, we argue like a family, but all in all, we have a lot of fun here!”

As reported in the magazine *Mondo 2000*, before MindVox was even born, it seemed that “within hours every resident of every virtual community around the globe had read “Voices In My Head,” “Mindvox: The Overture.” “Overture,” written by Patrick Kroupa, also known as Lord Digital, is an on-line history of Kroupa's odyssey through life in cyberspace, a fascinating glimpse into the life and psyche of a brilliant young man.



C Y B E R I *

CRT: Cathode Ray Tube. A monitor connected to a mainframe: in layman's terms, it means not connected to a computer.

As stated in "Overture," Kroupa cites "Cyberspace as the ultimate equalizer. It is a place where one person can wield as much power as 100, 1,000, or 100,000 people. Physical limitations are cast off, and in the event of conflict, the playing field becomes that of mind vs. mind. Sheer numbers and mob rule mentality cease to have any meaning when you can create infinite numbers of electronic organisms to do anything you want them to do."

Kroupa continues "There is only one ultimate truth, which is BEING HAPPY and experiencing LOVE. How you choose to perceive it is a very individual matter. While it might mean blue to you, orange to that guy over there, and silver to me, it's all the same thing. In the real world if we held fast to those beliefs and behaved as people have been classically shown to behave, then we'd be killing each other over who has the right idea about love....Cyberspace allows everyone the freedom to coexist without harming anyone else's worldview or belief systems."



Smiles and Winks

:(Sad face

Example: Sorry to hear that Foxsy blew you off, G-man. :(

Mindvox's cerebral banter gets down and dirty as well. Enter the Erotica/Sexuality forum and browse through postings from a wide variety of on-line "exhibitionists" as well as the sexually needy. Meet "Elan" who draws a parallel between high technology and a sexual dearth, "Damn this pile of junk! Now my entire existence has been sucked up into my head and dithered into a binary nightmare! I have no sex life! I am an organic counting machine. I forget what it's like....the feel of a woman. Maybe I should start looking for those cool boards with all that pornage slithering down the sides of the drives.... A little peek-a-book thrill capsule....Maybe the **CRT** radiation has affected my libido?"

A user named "Simon" who obviously has some kind of strange relationship with his **VAX mainframe computer** quips, "What kind of sexual being do you call yourself, if the mere touch of your fingers to the keyboard, the powerful sound of a floppy inserted into a drive, the loving, if somewhat...vacant, stare of the monitor didn't arouse passionate longing in your every appendage. There is no return to the dull pleasures of 'sex' once you have experienced the true bliss of connection to a VAX cluster. And **UNIX** never makes you sleep on the wet spot."

"*Plusgood*" expresses a strong interest in B&D, but with no willing partner cuffed and available. "Plusgood" posts a "need to explore far beyond mass media's idea of what good sex is all about. Maybe performing a sexual rite before a group of worshippers on the altar of the deity of Sex (with all fertility symbols present and accounted for)? I'm really interested in the Virtual Reality idea because it gives you the prototype without having to adopt the model."

"*Kayotae*" details his yen for four-legged lovers declaring that after engaging in sexual relations with any of his pets, they all get along much better. Interestingly, the response is surprisingly open-minded. "*Simon*" posts "it sounds like you have a healthier, saner and more friendly sex life than many people I know. It's not quite my shtick, but, hey, give your dog a lick from me."

The ultimate in international *flagrante delecto* takes place on the IRC, the Internet Relay Conference, the world's largest real-time conference system drawing callers from all over the world. Mindvox offers a client server connection directly into this hotbed of libidinous overload. Spanning all time zones, there is always a plethora of activity on IRC, with an average of 500 to 3,000 participants simultaneously climaxing on-line. In addition to live chat, hundreds of kinky narratives are on file. Or head to *Maelstrom*, a multiuser fantasy role-playing game, a digital nether-nether land, where the rules are only as confining as your preconceptions.



C Y B E R P L E X

VAX Mainframe

Computer: A type of mainframe (multiuser computer).



C Y B E R P L E X

UNIX: An operating system common on VAX.

Connecting Up

Bulletin Board	Modem #	Baud	Number of Lines
Mindvox	212-989-4141	up to 2400	24
	212-989-1550	2400 to 19.2K	

For information contact, Phantom Access Technologies, 1562 First Avenue, Suite 351, New York, NY 10028, (212) 989-2418 (voice), e-mail: info@phantom.com. Accessible through PC Pursuit, SprintNet, and many other discounted data carriers. Mindvox offers an Internet connection.



On-line Types

Flamer: An incendiary on-liner who incites trouble by derisive commentary.

Mindvox BBS

New User Information

Mindvox membership is \$10 a month. This allows access to the MindVox Forums, the local chat system, the Archives, Games, Mail and basic services. Internet membership is available for \$10 a month, and provides access to Usenet, Software Archives, Mail and other public access UNIX services. A full membership, at a flat rate of \$15 per month, includes access to all services. All new callers receive two weeks of free trial time for evaluation before billing kicks in.

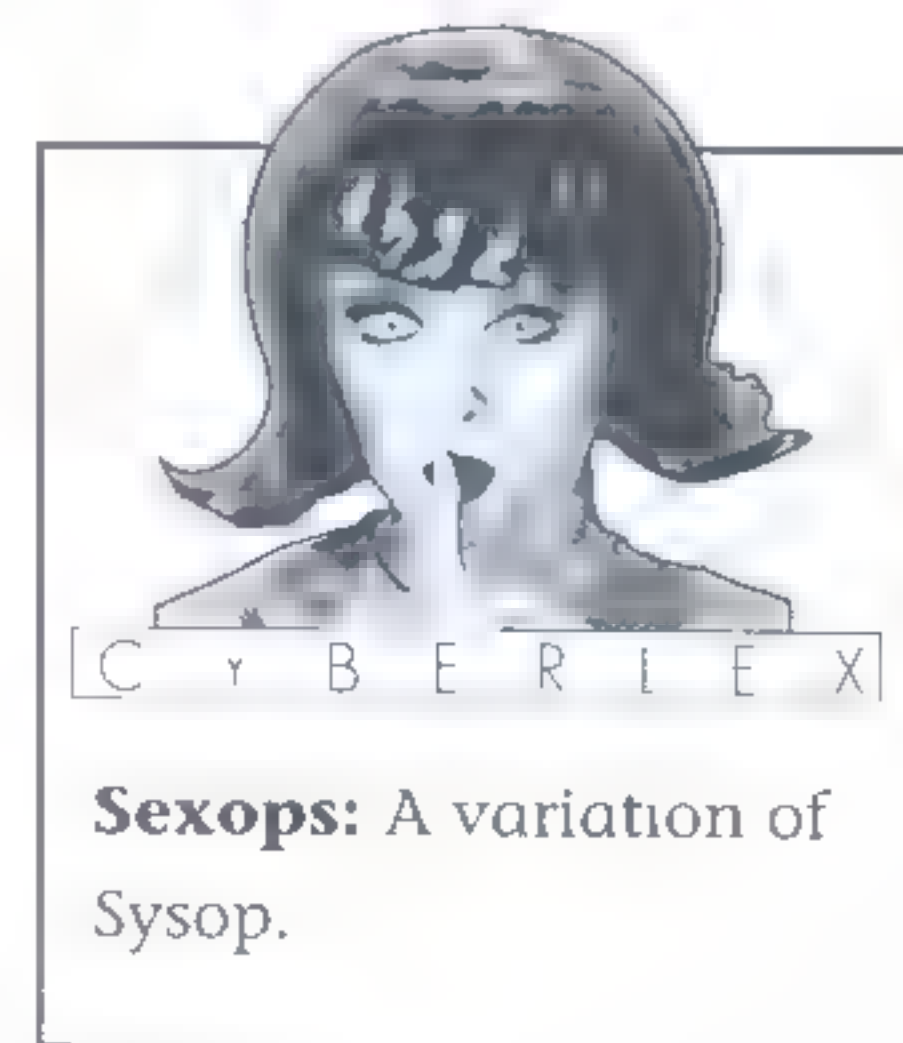
NIX*PIX

*One of the largest adult boards in the country (15,000 members!), NIX*PIX offers chat, text files, message areas, games, and homegrown GIFs (NIX's specialty) which enable you to peek into bedrooms from the other side of town to the other side of the planet! Just one quick reminder: to play on NIX*PIX, you must play by the rules...so, be good and play "hard."*

With over 15,000 members calling in from every point of the globe, NIX*PIX, is one of the largest adult sex boards in the country. It might pay to brush up your one-handed typing skills on far less steamy boards before logging onto the digital version of Plato's Retreat. "**Sexops**" Pix and Dot take off where Nick of Nixpix Aspen left off. The two owners of NIX*PIX, located in Denver, recently purchased the board from the famed Nick (see the Chatting with Nick interview that follows this review), and Pix is now on the way to becoming an on-line legend as a cyberspace talk show host.

"We are not snobby about our membership at NIX*PIX," states Pix. "We strive not to have a clique representative of any one kind of member. Our one unifying force is the love of uncensored adult talk and sexual freedom. However, we do maintain stringent upload rules. We review absolutely every single file before it is made available on-line. We don't allow any photos of underage subjects, copyrighted material, animal sex, fisting, or scatology images."

GIFs galore, hot chat, and plenty of scorching text files are the major come-ons at NIX*PIX. Many of the GIFs feature NIX*PIX members who are willing to show and share all. A local message area, as well as the international NIX*PIX network (carried by many other adult boards) are popular features.



When I logged on in the wee hours of the morning, “Thor,” “Iron Duke,” “Sir Ed,” “Mr. Mikey”, and “Smoot Worthington” were on-line slurping up files. “Hot Master” from Harrisburg, Virginia, paged me for a personal flirtation session. “Hot Master” relayed that he was a 26-year-old unattached man with dark hair and a mustache who likes to be dominant. Keep in mind that if the 45-minute daily time allotment you receive as a subscriber leaves you in mid-climax, your chat buddies can go into the “time bank” and give you some of their time.



Smiles and Winks

:p The tongue

Example: Admit it. You just want me for my :p

Homemade GIFs are the specialty of NIX*PIX. If you truly want the inside look at your neighbor’s wife (or husband), look no further than NIX*PIX. You’ll find an extensive collection of erotic GIFs, movies, and stories. Members often send general messages signaling the arrival of a new upload. “Chas Mo” advises everyone to download BIKESHOW.TXT if “you’re into slave girls who are turned on by bootlicking humiliation.” An interesting viewing feature of this board is NIX*PIX Postage Stamp System with which users can take a peek and preview an abbreviated 5K version of any graphic file before springing for the full download.

“Tim” relays a message stating how pleased he is to see that his wife “has been downloaded 25 times. She’s thrilled to be so popular. As she said to me tonight, it’s a pity that a download does not equal” a rousing roll in the hay. “Tim” adds “she gets plenty from me, but as you can see from the GIF she’s ready for plenty!!! However, geography is a problem, as she is in England. We suggest the following solutions: you come here (no puns gentlemen), simply e-mail me for details. Or we can come to you. Give us details of your dirty intentions towards my good lady, and we’ll consider a personal visit. Bewared, it had better be worth it. Carol suggests a maximum of ten men per visit, no bisexuals, and no animals (apart from horses, which she has quite a taste for). Serious applications only.”

“Mau Testa” a self-described “Italian stallion” posts a general message “looking for American women to have sex with via the telephone.” “Mau Testa” adds “I can call everyone from Italy and listen to your whispers while I’m touching myself. In your spare time, when you’re tired of your

husband, leave me a private message with your phone number. I phone from Italy because I am a multi-millionaire. I am waiting for hot women. I like breasts and oral."

Logging off, you're final screen serenade says "Cummmmm soon again...and again...and....." Before logging off be sure to drop a line to Linda and Randy, a happy couple who enjoy sharing photos of their blissful bedroom escapades with other members.{See LINDAR} They would "really like some feedback from YOU! Randy pleads, "Tell her how sexy she is, a little ego stroking goes a long way."



On-line Types

Nick: The genre's "Picasso!" No question is too personal for the man who has turned hot chatting into an art form!

Connecting Up

Bulletin Board	Modem #	Baud	Number of Lines
NIX*PIX	303-375-1263	up to 14,400 bps	16

For user information, contact NIX*PIX, P.O. Box 206, Englewood, CO 80151-0206.

NIX*PIX BBS New User Information

Six months of subscription service is \$25, 12 months at \$45 for 45 minutes daily. Money order, check, cash, on-line Visa or MasterCard accepted. Free scholarships awarded on a regular basis to members who contribute to the overall sexiness of the board!

Interview with Nick, founder of NixPix

The following discussion was conducted via the NickPix Aspen bulletin board, in live chat mode. Nick, an outgoing, opinionated retired man, well known in adult BBS circles, for his high-quality hardcore GIFs, kicked back and spent a couple of hours on-line discussing the world of adult boards. Nick sold the legendary NixPix Aspen to "PIX" and "DOT" in Denver, in order, he states, to get "the repressive Religious Right and their Mind Police" off his back. Home-made GIFs, as well as spicy banter, are in abundance on the new board, which boasts 15,000 members. Nick agreed to speak freely under the condition that his last name not be printed. As our interview was coming to a close, Nick encouraged me to download some of his favorite GIFs starring Nick at play. I'm still blushing. As *Future Sex* magazine enthused in Issue 2, "Images of Nick's penis, in an encyclopedic variety of positions and poses, have infiltrated nations around the globe:"

To hot chat with Nick directly, call modem number (303) 920-1263.

NT: Hi Nick....funny meeting you here!

Nick: All is warm and cozy and welcoming here! And the bad typing is part of the experience of live chat.

NT: Sounds like you lead a very sexy lifestyle, Nick, much more so than a lot of people my age and younger undoubtedly.

Nick: Old in years, long past second childhood, maybe on my fifth! At 30, where you are, career is exhausting. I have had a very adventurous life too, as an entrepreneur, photographer, propeller head, local 'politician,' and passionate government disparager.

NT: How did you first become interested in adult boards?

Nick: I have, like all 'artists' always been drawn to erotic warmth! One day I saw that my photos and the new (6 years ago) video color cards (badly conceived by IBM) would radicalize our screens, and I would focus on yum-yum.

Interview with Nick, founder of NixPix

NT: How do you find your “yum-yum” to focus in on? Do they come to you? Are they members?

Nick: It is unbelievably difficult. In fact, THE CHALLENGE. Even the wildest exhibitionist has a job, lovers, pride. To pose, even with anonymous faces, etc., takes great verve!

NT: Has anyone you’ve featured ever been scandalized by someone finding out they posed in a “compromising position”?

Nick: Interesting! Well, not so far here with Nixxies. However, one guy was mad as #\$\$@% at his ex and I giffed her with a toy (batteries oing!). Later I found out she found out. HE likely boasted to her, but the fire went out. Whew!

NT: Don’t you think some people might take objection to being secretly giffed?

Nick: Of course! The ‘ethic’ is very carefully watched over by me and anyone who has 1/8 gram of sense. I develop film at home and have never broken a promise about disguising, cropping, etc., and computers make disguising easy. I used to paste patches over the eyes and nose (and sometimes, sob-sob, mouth!) but now I **mosaic/pixelate** because it is more flattering.

NT: Nick, in the case you just stated, the wife didn’t authorize the right of her image to be giffed. This was a revenge gif. Don’t you think this is ethically wrong?

Nick: Of course, in fact revenge is Bosnia, but a sysop has limits. Consider this, NixPix has 15,000 members. Most of them are quite a bit more ethical than average. To conquer the complexities of getting a GIF on screen is substantial, and the time, money, and energy involved is more than trivial.

Let me ask you, if a woman lies about an ex-lover to his friends, is that ethical?



Interview with Nick, founder of NixPix



Smiles and Winks

:-X "I can keep
a secret!"

Example: Tell me
about your hot chat with
Loose Lips. :-X

NT: No, of course not. However, allowing a private image to be giffed and available for public downloads without the person's consent is simply wrong.

Nick: Of course, but in all fields of endeavor there are wrongs! The average American lies 4 times a day. The leadership is not one we're proud of.

NT: Why not have the subjects sign model release forms?

Nick: Are you kidding? If this was a paid business filled with huge rewards, punishments, and lawyers...perhaps. This is a hobby with only a few people. In fact the main reason it is not as you suggest, is its very smallness. If you were naked on a BBS what are the odds anyone you would know would discern it was you, especially if your self above the neck was missing?

NT: I guess only a few lucky men!

Nick: Bravo!! One problem with anything exciting, especially sex itself, is that there are risks, inequities, and I hope, judgment. In New York City, the AIDS scare must make singles tremble?

NT: Naturally, AIDS makes everyone who is not in a sexually monogamous relationship tremble. Tell me, what part do you think the age of AIDS plays into the growth of adult boards?

Nick: Good question. First, NixPix is modeled after the swinger's magazines that have been here ages with the same questions. The AIDS onslaught utterly stopped swingers cold. Now, swinging is reviving fast. The BBS cybersex phenomena is growing for another more powerful motive.

Most people are too shy to find genuine physical relationships as outlets for their inner sexual energies. Read me so far?

NT: You're saying people are too repressed to fantasize with their lovers?

Interview with Nick, founder of Nixxie

Nick: Wow! Yes! Even to find adequate tingles. There is a huge need for fantasy that many, many people have, along with the repression and awkwardness of sharing them in a relationship that has dangerous implications. Going to bars is not wise.

We surveyed members and to my amazement, half of the Nixxies who download tons of XXX gifs have never been in an adult bookstore, and never rent XXX tapes. They are too shy to be seen by neighbors!

NT: That's very interesting. I am a bit perplexed about the great lure for men to spend so much time and energy downloading erotic images, when they can go down the street and buy the raunchiest magazines or videos so much easier!

Nick: A man in New York can go down the street with money and buy sex, but what percentage actually do? We are now at a very intriguing question. Without any hint please of calling me sexist, the data is very strong that gals like to read their fantasy and men like to see it! The data is so definite, one would have to be blind to ignore it. I see women reading sex novels in huge gulps, which are utterly uninteresting for men.



Piece of Mind

I think the majority of BBS users are sex-crazed, male computer geeks. I believe BBSing is a positive experience since it allows an uninhibited way to interact with others. It is also a good way for busy people to interact without having to go to bars, church, and grocery stores! <laugh>

NT: So how come so many men want to "hot chat"?

Nick: When there are TV cameras on your telephone, Ma Bell will blush from dawn to dusk!

NT: But the hot chatting is very active right now. It appears a lot of men are really into it.

Interview with Nick, founder of NixPix

Nick: Another oddity, because for reasons not clear to me, the outnumbering of men to gals is huge. If you sign in as Nancy, you'll be utterly swamped. Sign in as Joe, and see what happens.

NT: I've already tested the gender switch! Tell me though, who the hell are all these guys hot chatting with then? Each other? The male/female ratio is top heavy with men, about 90/10.

Nick: I have the same problem in teaching computers in school. In adolescence the girls drop out like flies. BBS folks would love to entice more females onto the boards. One key thing, the NixPix clan, linked by friendship not checkbooks, stresses stories. For instance, NixPix Denver has 10,000 GIFS but 2,000 stories mostly written by BBS users.

NT: Nick, how does masturbation play into the whole world of adult boards? Is this the main reason callers sign on, or is it to meet a live partner?

Nick: This is a favorite topic of mine since I am nervy and outspoken. The genuine hope of actually meeting someone is kind of slim. In fact, NixPix has been responsible for about 5 marriages, but out of 15,000 members those are very long odds. The distance, safety, lack of physical touching, and limits of the written word are, in reality, quite dampening to pitter patter love. Most of the motive is technical.

NT: Do you think exposing the public to graphic images and steamy text inspires men to act out their aggressions in socially incorrect ways?

Nick: That is the 'politically correct' view, and it is utter bungling, prejudiced, man-hating, unloving nonsense. In fact the ad agencies sure do believe it pumps up the open purse syndrome. Given no censorship, our ads would have wiggly sperms all over them!

I have a remarkably calm and definite belief that masturbation relieves sexual aggressiveness and prevents a lot of child abuse and rape. I know that I am easier to live with because I masturbate.

*Interview with Nick, founder of
NixPix*

NT: Not to change the subject, but as we close, tell me a little more about your GIF processing.

Nick: Well I am kind of a pioneer in GIF making. I use fancy equipment, as good as the major magazine publishers. Currently I develop film in my home darkroom, scan directly from negatives to digital, with no paper, using a scanner that costs about 1/2 a car! I then retouch, mostly blemishes, backgrounds, sometimes recognizable jewelry, bedside paintings. I tune colors, contrast, crop, utilizing large skills here.

After chatting voice with the sender, I 'censor' the photo from a crop of faces to a "mosaic" of pixels—the jiggly squares you see on TV sometimes—to hide eyes. Sometimes I try to put a nice mask on the face. I never retouch the explicit areas. The adult magazines cheat like mad. I do not. I then title the gif, end up throwing out 2/3 of them, and redoing 1/3. This process takes two to four hours per picture.

NixPix Person-to-Person

Want to meet someone in the Windy City? NixPix Person-to-Person may be the way, with half of its members calling from the Chicago area. The male to female members ratio nears 1 to 1! "Ah, Chicago, Chicago...It's my kind of town!"

"Doc Hunter," a.k.a. Larry Green, lives up to his comforting, medic-alert image by instilling the golden rule philosophy on-line. "Treat others the way you'd want to be treated. The two key words are adult and conversation," states Doc. "If behavior would get you punched, slapped, or ignored at a bar or a party, it's inappropriate here too." Doc's vigilance in making the Illinois-based NixPix Person-to-Person a comfortable place to

"If behavior would get you punched, slapped or ignored at a bar or a party, it's inappropriate here too."

*visit has paid off. According to *Boardwatch* magazine, fewer than 10 percent of all BBS callers are female. NixPix Person to Person beats those dire statistics in a landslide with over 40 percent female callers.*

Founded in February 1992, NixPix Person-To-Person is an independent organization loosely affiliated with NixPix of Denver

and Windy City Freedom Fortress. About half of the callers that dial into this board reside in the Chicago area, with the remainder are spread out throughout the United States and Europe.

"...People here are interested in intelligent conversation—if it's erotic, that's a bonus. The worst sin is to be boring."

*Although there are a small amount of GIF files here, the main priority is adult chat. "We bill ourselves as a place for sophisticated adult conversation," states Doc, a 43-year-old former magazine editor and writer whose byline has appeared in numerous consumer trade magazines including *Better Homes & Garden* and *Road & Track*. "That includes any and all topics that are mutually agreeable to the participants, with the*

exception of kiddy porn. Most of the people here are interested in intelligent conversation—if it's erotic, that's a bonus. The worst sin is to be boring."

Conversation is anything but boring on the evening I am drawn into a late night conversation with "Cathi," "Telstar," "Justin," "Paige," and "Maineiac." "Cathi" is the most vocal and revealing of the lot. A glance at her questionnaire reveals she is in her mid-forties, lives in the Midwest, and feels her most important personal characteristics are "honesty, sensitivity, loyalty and versatility." By close of conversation, "Cathi" reveals that her ex-husband persuaded her to get into the swinging lifestyle she abhorred. She went on to recount in vivid detail the sexual abuse she received as a child at her grandfather's hand, and how she finally ended the molestation in a highly dramatic fashion as a teenager. Other conversations supply similar degrees of candor.

"Often on-line conversations are more intense and revealing than in-person exchanges," states Doc. "The walls that are built up surrounding physical contact are broken down by the anonymity and acceptance of cyberspace."

Connecting Up

Bulletin Board	Modem #	Baud	Number of Lines
NixPix Person-to-Person	708-223-4802	up to 14,400	10

For user information, contact NixPix Person-to-Person, P.O. Box 646, Grayslake, IL 60030.

NixPix Person-to-Person BBS

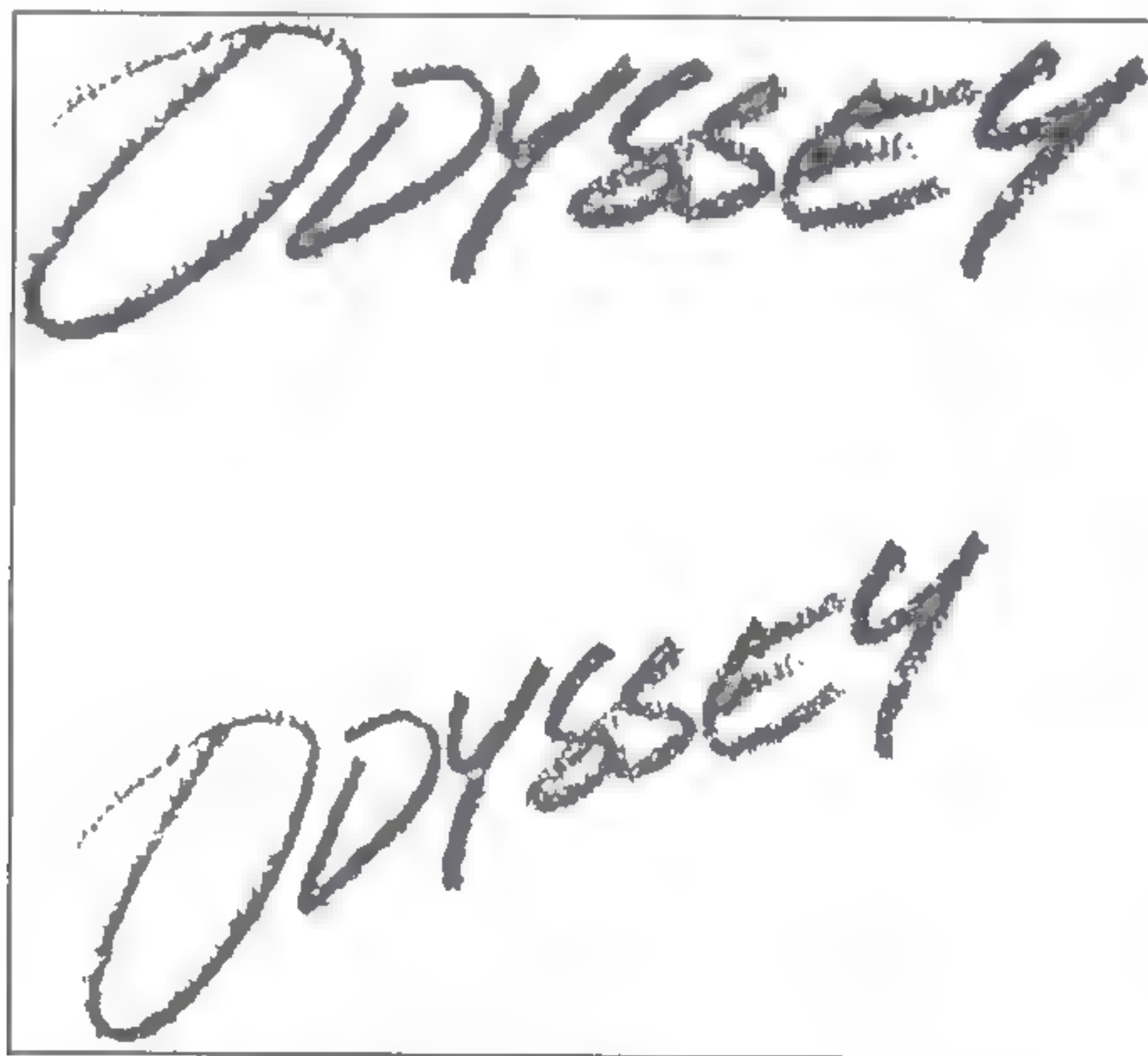
New User Information

Checks, money orders, Visa and MasterCard are accepted methods of payment. Memberships available are: one hour access time daily for \$25 for six months, \$45 for a year. Two hours of daily access time for six months is \$45, \$80 annually. Three hours of daily access time is available for \$65 for six months, and \$115 for a year. Four hours of daily access time is available for \$80 for six months, and \$150 for a year. The 21st Century Limited plan is also available. Receive 4 hours of on-line time daily until the end of the century for \$250.

ODYSSEY

Be a modern-day Odysseus—sail through cyberspace and live a love-life of epic proportions with ODYSSEY. Aphrodite, the Goddess of Love, rules this national line which offers something for everyone, and includes two separate gay outlink services. Aphrodite has already seen two of ODYSSEY's members fall in love and get married! Will you be next? Zeus!

Founded in 1988 in Los Angeles, ODYSSEY is the premier on-line adult entertainment board offering a wide range of features along with a full time support staff. ODYSSEY's single most popular feature is live chat. Based on the multiple room concept, ODYSSEY offers live group chat or private one-on-one conversations. Other popular features include a large adult GIF library, animations and stories, e-mail, interactive games and game tournaments, shareware, travel and reservation services, on-line magazines, a match-making service, and spicy forums covering such disparate sexual topics as bondage and discipline, swinging, and alternative lifestyles. Two gay outlink on-line services, Skinner Jack's Bath House and Oracle, can be accessed through ODYSSEY for additional premium access charges.



Journey to adventure with ODYSSEY.

*“A guy talking to a girl
can have the same
sweaty palms and heart
palpitations as he would
in a bar.”*

First and foremost, ODYSSEY is designed as a meeting place. People are here to flirt, make dates, start relationships, and even find a spouse. Ann Kettner met her future husband Jim McElhinney on ODYSSEY. Ironically, Ann and Jim lived only blocks away

from each other in Bear, Delaware, and met dialing into ODYSSEY, a nationwide on-line service based in Los Angeles. The media has embraced these newlyweds who met in cyberspace. The McElhinneys have appeared on “Donahue,” “Prime Time Live,” and have been profiled in the Wilmington Delaware *Sunday News Journal*.

ODYSSEY users take the matchmaking feature seriously, as witnessed by the response received below:

All that Jazz

From: Jimr

To: Nancyt

Re: Hi!

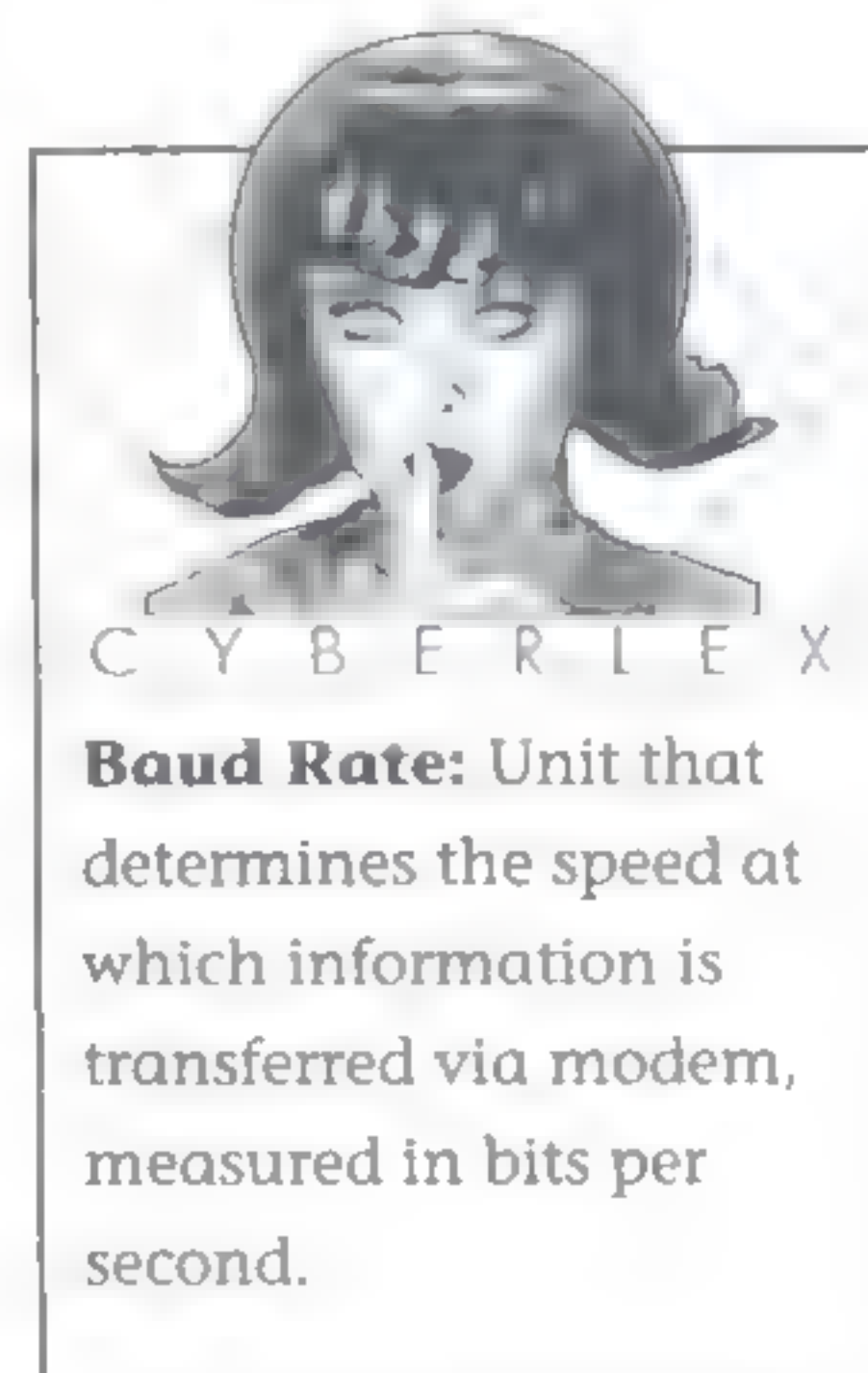
Hello Nancy, my name is Jim. I was trying out the new matchmaker system and your name came up. I wondered if you might be interested in getting acquainted via e-mail. I also see that you like classical and jazz. What are your favorites. I like jazz and classical as well, although my friends think I have strange taste. Please write if you like. I hope to hear from you.

As reported in the *Wilmington News Journal*, Allen says ODYSSEY grossed \$2 million dollars in one year. “We’re selling people mixing with people,” states Allen. “All we’re doing is giving them a place to do it. A guy talking to a girl can have the same sweaty palms and heart palpitations as he would in a bar. People buy a computer and are told it’s going

to do all these wonderful things for their family and they get bored when it doesn't. They either stick it in a closet, learn some games, or discover how to use a modem. They get excited because you can sit down and—at your fingertips—talk to people around the world.”

When ODYSSEY president, Michael Allen, elaborated on the advantages of on-line contact on a recent “Donahue” show, ODYSSEY was abuzz with excitement. Phil Donahue assigned a shapely brunette staff member to the task of live chatting on ODYSSEY. “Boy, she’s hot,” cried “*Winterhawk*.” “Hot body,” panted “*Wooley*.”

This example of on-line conversation clearly broke a cardinal rule of democratic digital chatting. No one on-line should know what *you* look like, if you don’t know what *they* look like. Sure, people sometimes do eventually meet face-to-face after an on-line courtship, but it’s done on equal footing. Neither party has seen the other in person before. The beauty of cyberconnecting is that the initial sparks, the first attraction, is a cerebral one. Substance wins out over style in the digital chatting world.



Connecting Up

Bulletin Board	Modem #	Baud	Number of Lines
ODYSSEY	818-358-6968		

ODYSSEY is a full featured national service with worldwide access. Local numbers access over 800 cities in the United States and abroad. Direct access numbers are available for WATS, local and PC-Pursuit callers. For voice assistance, call (800) 947-0936, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Pacific. ODYSSEY, 1307 South Shamrock Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016.

ODYSSEY BBS New User Information

Basic: \$12 monthly, 2 free network hours, unlimited direct hours.

Standard: \$24 monthly, 15 free network hours, unlimited direct hours.

Club: \$48 monthly, 30 free network hours, unlimited direct hours.

Checks, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover cards accepted. Access not approved until an ODYSSEY representative calls to verify order.

Penthouse Online

Ring in the New Year with Miss January...bring in July 4th with Miss July...celebrate the holidays with Miss December...with Penthouse Online you can love your little "calendar girl" every single day of the year, and she can love you right back! Does Miss April really enjoy singing in the shower? Ask her, and maybe you can make some beautiful music together...

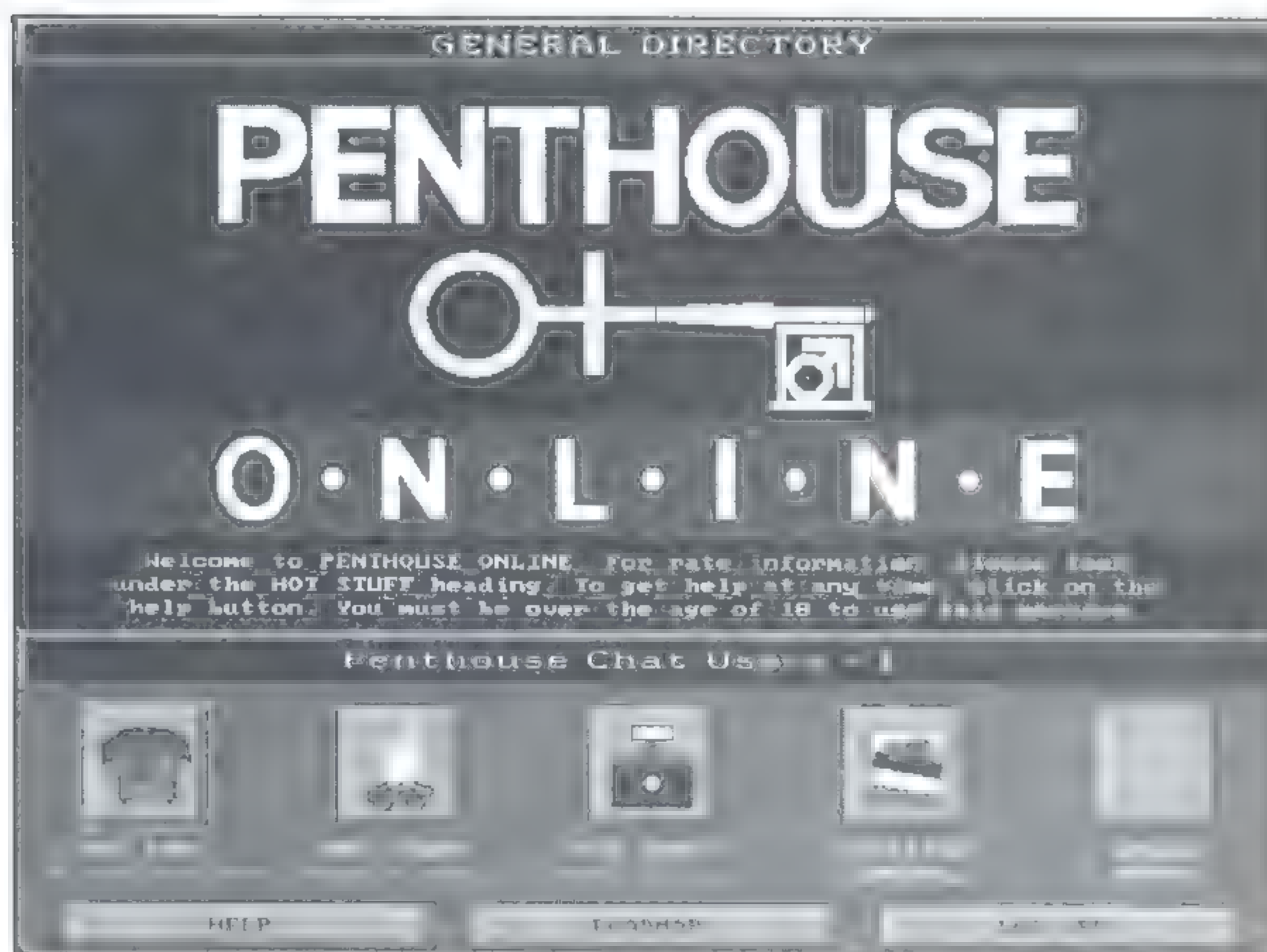
Male libidos revved up to their highest gear to greet Alexis Christian, the November 1992 Pet of the Month, as she engaged in live chat with the Penthouse Online callers. What does one ask a beautiful, 26-year-old woman who has graced the pages of *Penthouse*? If you're "*Public Menace*," you'll ask if "men stare at you a lot." "*L.A. Leud*" wanted to know if Alexis had trouble being taken seriously after baring it all." "*Hue Hefna*" arrived on the scene "just cruisin' for chicks" and to ascertain if Alexis was "interested in doing any spreads...so to speak." For men and women's edification everywhere, Alexis cites her real interests as being "scuba diving, gardening, women, thinking, and business." You can imagine how the reference to enjoying women sexually drove the men on-line into hormonal overdrive. Apparently, nothing works faster to fuel some men's fantasies than seeing two women chat on-line!

Although Penthouse Online boasts some of the highest-quality GIF files found anywhere, as well as the easiest-to-use software, if you're looking to find a cyber soulmate, you're in the wrong place. I logged on several consecutive nights, during prime chatting hours, and faced a veritable chit-chat dearth. Encouraged by the on-line promos advertising the times Pets would be available for on-line chatting, I logged on to speak with Penthouse Pet Alexis Christian. Finally, there were some other men eager, waiting and available for conversations.

When I queried Alexis about her life, some of the callers began asking me questions. They inquired why I was on-line with Penthouse. I responded that I was writing a book on cybersex. Suddenly, I was flooded with questions. About ten men requested me to download my photo (which was not on-line!). Since I wasn't the reason any of these men logged on, I didn't see the harm in fielding their questions. After all, they were paying the same cost-per-minute fee whether they were being entertained by me or the shapely seductress Alexis.

The following afternoon, the board's sysop called me at home to ask if I'd be logging on that evening to speak with the Pets scheduled to be on-line that evening. "I wasn't planning on it," I replied. "Good," the sysop said. "We felt that you were raining on Alexis's parade, and stealing her thunder. I am kind of embarrassed to relay this to you, but more people were talking to you than to our Pet." "Sorry," I replied. "It wasn't my intention to steal anyone's thunder. I'll be sure to steer clear of Penthouse Online."

I am not sure what the moral of this story is, but I suspect it has something to do with the fact that men, intrigued by the fantasy aspect of the impossibly beautiful Pets, would rather talk to a real live woman that they feel they might have a chance to meet. After all, what are the odds that one of the Penthouse Pets will be motivated to actually meet a caller in person?



Penthouse Online turns up the temperature with hot chat and hot news!

The male callers I spoke with that evening were eager to talk with a woman. They did not ask me any sexually invasive questions. They just wanted to talk, period. In my opinion, Penthouse Online should actively recruit lots of female callers, even if they have to provide complimentary accounts. Penthouse Online already has the most user-friendly software I've used in the adult online world. The proprietary software offers stunning menu graphics, and the finest mainstream adult GIF photos. However, men still want to talk to women. Having Pets on-line once a week is a great feature, but it doesn't replace the void of no females on-line at other times. An on-line service this captivating to look at and easy to use deserves an active chatting contingency as well.

Straight from Spring Comdex, a large computer industry trade show where she was on site for promotional signings for *Penthouse*, Alexis handled all questions with grace, ease, and self-assurance. Hey, it must be easier for her to do on-line chatting than to face the hordes of techies that were swarming around her at *Penthouse's* Spring 1993 Comdex booth!



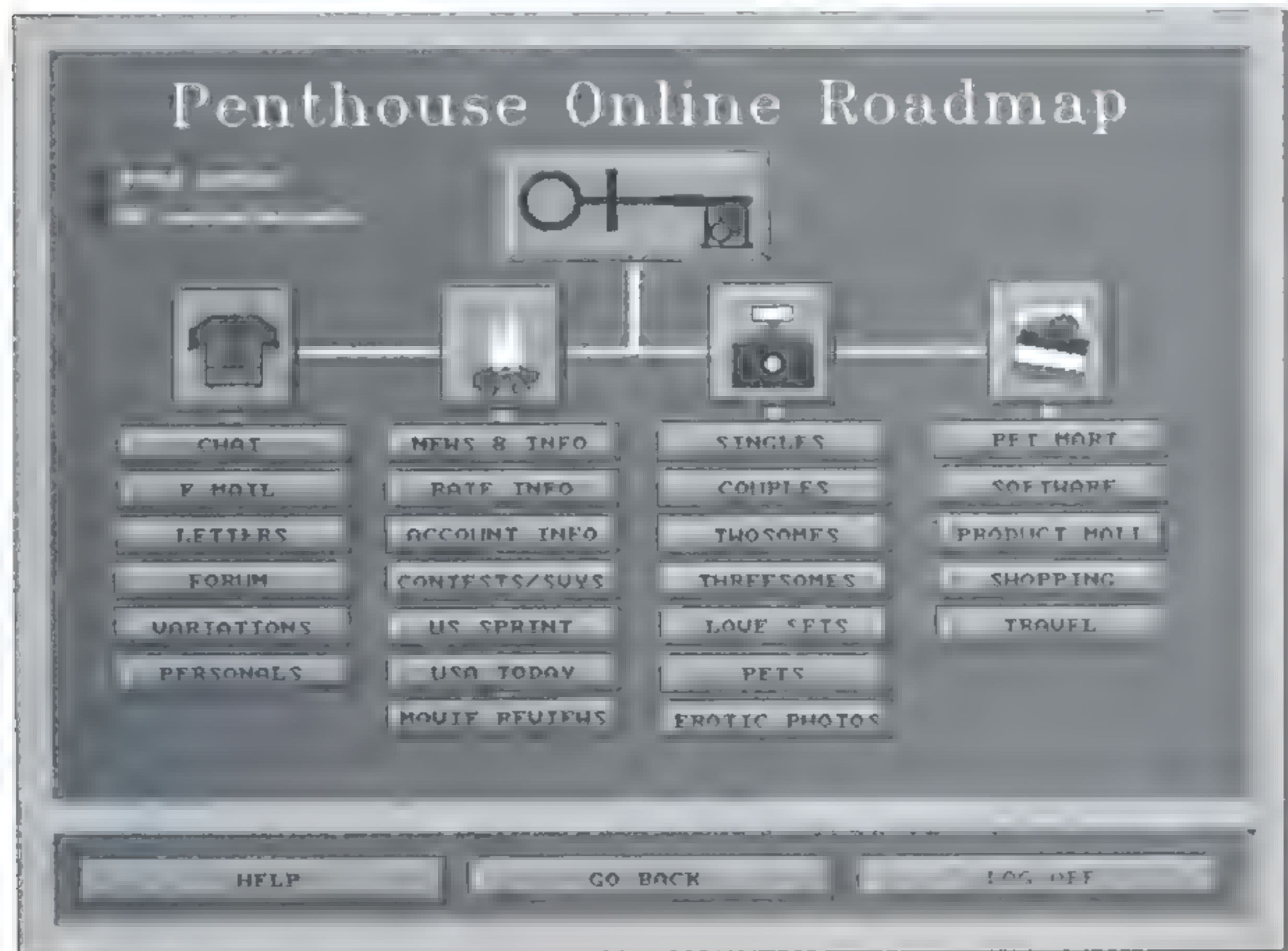
Piece of Mind

Most adult BBSers are not physically attractive by society's standards. The BBS provides an arena for them which is lacking in the real world.

Live chat is only active when a Penthouse Pet, or two, is on-line. These weekly events are actively promoted on the system to build user awareness. However, if you're looking for spectacular, high-quality Penthouse photos, look no further. Some of the thousands of photos that are shot monthly for Penthouse that never make it into the magazine are here on-line. Penthouse's speed-view systems, featuring 9600 bps capability, enables users to view on-line photos nearly instantaneously. After previewing and finding a tantalizing image you would like to keep, simply download for extremely high-quality 256-color SuperVGA pictures.

This easy-to-use proprietary software also includes e-mail, personals, and steamy Penthouse Letters. Users who would like to see their likeness on-line can send their photos to Penthouse for GIF conversion, allowing e-mail with picture-attach capability.

Last and maybe least, depending on your desires, Penthouse Online offers discount travel and merchandise areas, as well as news on national and world events, entertainment, financial markets, and movie reviews.



For those who need more, more, more, Penthouse OnLine provides a "threesomes" section for you swingers!

Talking with Kathy Keeton, Vice-Chairman & CEO, General Media Publishing Group

In 1965, Bob Guccione hired Kathy Keeton for a sales position, just as he was starting a magazine called *Penthouse*. This turned out to be one of Guccione's most fortuitous hiring decisions. Today, as Vice Chairman of General Media International Ltd., Keeton works closely with Guccione on every phase of corporate development. As president of *Omni*, *Longevity*, and *Compute*, she is instrumental in those publications' day-to-day planning and editorial directions, in addition to being committed to General Media's long term growth in the digital erotica world.



Piece of Mind

You can find all types on-line, some weird, some not so weird, and some genuinely nice folks. This is a safe way to meet other people which one can turn on or off at will.

An accomplished author as well, Keeton's best-selling book, *Woman of Tomorrow*, explores the impact of the technological revolution on women's lives. At General Media's corporate New York City headquarters, Keeton, a supremely elegant, impeccably attired, beautiful, blue-eyed blonde, discussed her views on the world of digital erotica:

NT: What is your definition of cybersex?

Keeton: It's a trip into a world created by the human imagination, by the collective human imagination of the planet. That's really what it is.

NT: Do you see cybersex as a healthy outlet for people?

*Talking with Kathy Keeton,
Vice-Chairman & COO, General
Media & Publishing Group*

Keeton: I think it is an extension of what we do anyway. We're really social animals and the medium of on-line connections puts people back in touch at a time when it is increasingly difficult to connect. There is nothing worse than someone thinking they are all alone out there. The interesting thing about cybersex is that you can really be anyone you want to be. Personas, only dreamed of in your imagination, can be actualized on-line.

A trip into cyberspace is certainly a lot healthier than a trip with drugs. Ultimately, it may be the solution to the drug problem. People take drugs to escape from the miseries of the world that surrounds us. In cyberspace, you can surround yourself in whatever world you'd like to explore.

NT: How do you see male/female interactions within cyberspace?

Keeton: I think the way to judge a person in the world of cyberspace is by their mind. Maybe that's how we should judge all human beings anyway and not rely so much on external cues to judge what a person is like. Because we do a lot, we look at a person and like or dislike them instantly based on the way they look. It's unfortunate, and that we do with male or female. Maybe this way of interfacing is a way of really looking inside a person, and not worrying about what they are externally: what their sex is, what their race is, what their religion is, or what they look like because you are really looking inside them.

NT: How does General Media's interactive electronic world of erotica differ from other marketplace contenders?

Keeton: Certain of the "erotic" products I have seen so far are so shoddy they actually debase their users and that's a shame. In the market place of Eros, it is also a fatal marketing flaw. If the product

*Talking with Kathy Keeton,
Vice-Chairman of EMM, General
Media & Publishing Group*

is bad, distributors won't distribute, stores won't stock and people won't buy, at least not in large numbers. The real trick is to not only give them something titillating, but in making it as elegant, as beautiful, as sophisticated and as classy as possible, whether the medium is paper, film, video, telephone line, interactive CD-ROM, on-line, two-way interactive television or virtual reality. At General Media, we are proud to present artfully individualized, truly elegant experiences.

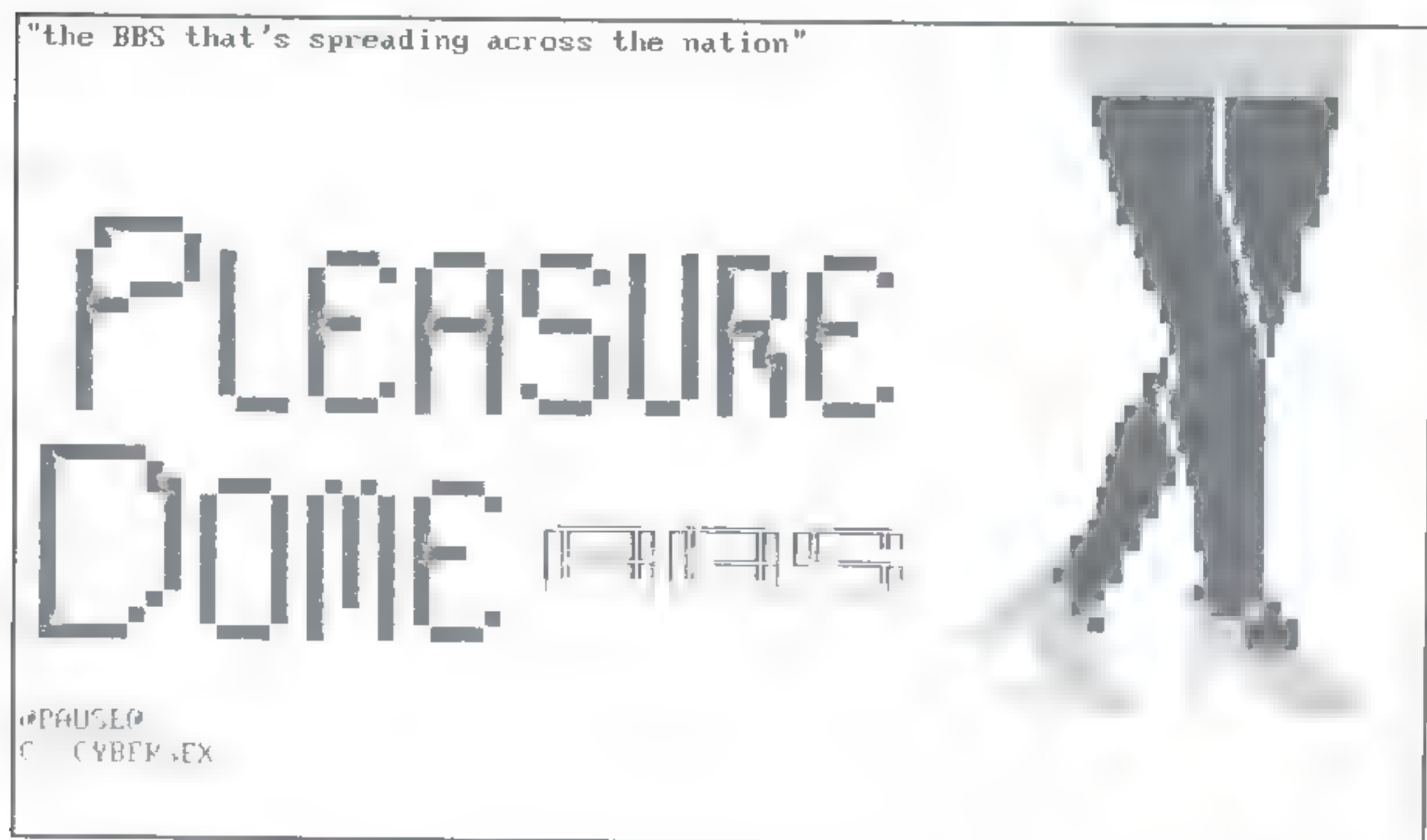
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Call (800) 289-7368 for a membership kit priced at \$27.95. Locate the access phone number for your modem speed and city in the "Access Phone Directory and Installation Guide" that is sent with membership kit. Basic fee of \$5.95 per month plus 20 cents a minute for most areas, 30 cents a minute for downloading text and photos. No 9600 BPS surcharge. Checks, Visa, and MasterCard are accepted. Software available in MS-DOS only. Orders can be sent to PIJ, 324 West Wendover Avenue, Suite 200, Greensboro, NC 27408.

Pleasure Dome, Norfolk, Virginia

Fasten your safety belts—you are now entering the Pleasure Dome! This BBS features access to most of the hardcore national adult conferences in the 50 states. GIFs stories, and animations are your to enjoy all day but user interaction is the focus at night (Hint: Download during the day so that you can stay “up” all night!) A swinging good time awaits you!

Billed as “Home of the Cybergasm,” Pleasure Dome, founded in 1985 by Tom Terrific, a 6'3", blue-eyed, 39-year-old divorced swinger, is the South's digital party central. Pleasure Dome is asylum to Throbnet, a nationally echoed adult conference including steamy topics from “Sex Toys” to “Swingers” to “S&M.” The Pleasure Dome has more hardcore national adult conferences on tap than any other board in the country, also carrying KinkNet, LiteNet, VoyagerNet, StudNet Gay Network, RIME, SwingNet, AdultNet Canadian, Perverts Anonymous, NixPix Net, Friends & Lovers, 18plus, WildNet, LateNite, PlayNet, FemNet National Lesbian Network, SleazeNet, LampNet, PlayNet, HotNet and GonzoNet.



Swing into the world of the Pleasure Dome...your fantasy awaits you!

“Chats and messaging is the major ‘thrust’ of my system,” pants Tom Terrific. “Pleasure Dome is here to provide a meeting place for like-minded people. We have parties once or twice a month—regular parties and swing sessions. Sometimes our ‘regular’ parties turn into swinging good times!”

percent bisexual, and 9 percent gay. Drawing over 40 percent international and national callers, Terrific cites the busiest local conferences as “Paradise Cafe” and “Females Only.”

Tom Terrific enforces some socializing rules. “Although we offer a substantial library of over 2,000 GIFs, animations and stories, I close the file area down from 7 p.m. to midnight to promote user interaction. If a guy is busy downloading, he is not available for chatting. We have over 33 percent women on this board. I want to keep my ladies happy!” According to Terrific, 73 percent of his membership is college educated, 39 percent are single, 61 percent married, with 73 percent straight, 18



Smiles and Winks


:-O “I’m
astonished!”

Example: You want
me to what!? :-O

Information Guide


Pleasure Dome

A Distinctively Adult
Bulletin Board System



Serving the Adult Computer
Community Since 1988

Virginia's Award
Winning BBS
Best BBS in USA
1992
Best Adult BBS in USA
1990, 1991, 1992
Best BBS in Virginia
1990, 1991-1992
EFF Pioneer Award Nominee
1992

Using The
Finest in BBS
Software


The Pleasure Dome...an award winning way to meet someone to
“love.”

Tom Terrific is his own best customer, having met his wife-to-be, "*Buttons*," on *Pleasure Dome*. "She's definitely the woman of my dreams," says Terrific. "We live the swinging lifestyle together." "*Buttons*" enjoys the lifestyle, saying "I enjoy being able to be with the one I love and still do as I wish sexually."



Tom Terrific, owner of the *Pleasure Dome*. (Courtesy of the *Pleasure Dome*.)

What makes the *Pleasure Dome* a good meeting ground for swingers? "It's a place where they can congregate without hassles and talk openly. Because of the security and the fact that it is 'safe,' you can talk openly with anyone, and if the chemistry is amiss, you don't have to meet," says "*Buttons*." If you're wondering what some of the swinging members look like, ask if they have a GLF file on-line. "A lot of members, including myself, are putting pictures of themselves on-line now." Just how many lovers does a swinger have in a year's time, anyway? "Last year, I had

about 36 lovers, many of them couples," states "Buttons." "Condoms are a MUST with any man I sleep with!"



"Buttons" and "Voluptuous" (left and right respectively), here to service your needs! (Courtesy of The Pleasure Dome.)

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Bulletin Board	Modem #	Baud	Number of Total Lines
Pleasure Dome	804-490-LUST	1200/2400	15
	804-473-LASS	1200/2400 (Ladies Only Access)	
	804-499-5612	HST (V.32/V.42 bis)	
	804-456-2971	14.4 (V.32/V.32 bis)	

For user information, contact Tom Terrific, P.O. Box 12126, Norfolk, VA 23541-0126. For customer support, call (804) 473-1SEX.

Pleasure Dome BBS

New User Information

After voice verification, users receive a 30-day trial membership which provides 30 minutes daily access with a download limit of 3 files or 500K daily. Women receive free access with 6 hours of available access time daily. The women are allowed in chat and message base areas, but have no access to the file library. For file library access, women must subscribe at a rate of \$25 annually. For men who want to stay on-line after the trial period is over, the annual rate is \$30 for one hour daily access, \$55 for two hour daily access, \$80 for 3 hours daily access, \$105 for 4 hours daily access. To encourage chat and messaging, the files areas are closed from 7 p.m. to midnight. American Express, Discover, Visa, MasterCard, checks, and money orders accepted.

Rusty n Edie's, Boardman, OH

From dirty dishes to "dirty" pictures, there is something here for you—whether you're Straight, Bi, Gay, or undecided! Boasting over 100,000 files for you to read, and GIFs to view, Rusty n Edie's may prompt you to lose your voice and just use your eyes!

Originally founded in May 1987, Rusty n Edie's BBS has been battling some fierce legal demons of late, but are confident they'll come out on top. "We are dealing with some copyright infringement charges," states Russ Hardenburgh, sysop of Rusty n Edie's. The charges pressed against this board rocked the entire adult board community when Rusty n Edie's BBS was closed down earlier this year and their equipment seized. "We had to start from scratch with all new equipment," states Russ, "but we've come back and we're going to be better than ever."

Rusty n Edie's is one of the largest boards. It has 20 gigabytes of on-line storage, packed with over 50,000 adult GIFs, along with 50,000 assorted other non-adult-oriented files. With over 7,000 members, Rusty n Edie's membership is comprised of "upper-middle to upper-class business people" states Russ. "Over 1,000 members call in from Europe, and the rest of the members are scattered throughout the country."

Conferences cover gay sexuality and straight X-rated themes. However, the preponderance of user activity is actively focused on adult file retrieval, as aptly stated by "Grabow" in the X-rated conference area. "I've been on this board for a few weeks, but have been so overwhelmed by the preponderance of files available, that this is the first time I've actually posted a message. I'd like to know what goes on in cyberspace, and I'm always looking for new friends (wink, wink, nudge, nudge, say no more)," confesses "Grabow." Few general posts within the X-rated conference area will make you blush. The talk runs along the lines of setting up picnic meetings and complaining about dirty dishes. One user, "MT," contributed a bunch of love poems written in a style any mother would be pleased to read.

In the GIF file areas, which is designed to please straight, bisexual, and gay orientations, you can find images of everything from "Asian Babes," to "Small Hooters on Tanned Babe." Titillating text is plentiful, from "Fratboy Lovers," to "Master Gives Slave His First Enema."

Look behind the Door option for a plethora of on-line games, from "Stud's Door, Can You Be The Top Stud?" to "Bordello—Run A Cathouse," to "Studette-Street Corner Gals." For the 60-minute daily time allotment granted on this board, this board's main attraction is the enormous adult file library. Perhaps many of Rusty n Edie's callers download files and then roll over and go to sleep!!

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Bulletin Board	Modem #	Baud	Number of Total Lines
Rusty n Edie's	216-726-2620	2400	128
	216-726-1804	HST	

Dial in for high speed modem numbers. For additional information, contact Russ Hardenburgh, at Rusty n Edie's BBS, 7393 California Avenue, Suite 7, Youngstown, OH 44512, (216) 726-4217 (voice), (212) 726-3595 (fax).

Rusty n Edie's New User Information

Until you become a registered, paying member, access is limited to only viewing file directories and bulletins, and downloading some introductory files. For full access, MasterCard, Visa, American Express, checks, and money orders are accepted. A one-year membership, with 7M of daily downloads, costs \$89.00; six months are offered at \$50.

Star BBS Network, Northern and Central New Jersey

A myriad of options await you through this triad of boards:

The Swinging Door: "Swinging" door, get it? You can once you go through the Swinging Door.

The Starship: Network, have fun, and practice safe cybersex aboard the Starship!

Jezebel's Parlour: Flirt with coquette Colette, or just jump Jamie in the comfort of Jezebel's Parlour.

The Star BBS Network is a late-night cyberspace talk show without commercial interruptions, microphones, or cameras, catering to the nocturnal cravings of swinging singles and couples, stagnant married folk, and the just plain lonely and disenfranchised. Whether you are straight, gay, bisexual, male or female, looking for a lasting relationship or just a "one night on-or-off-line stand," the Star BBS Network provides a welcoming, non-judgmental, and affordable place to play.

Enter The Swinging Door, a subculture within a subculture where singles and couples can play "do-si-do" with like-minded two-steppers but where the "dancing" is anything but square. Richard Wright, The Swinging Door's sysop, recently founded this BBS to serve as a swinging and alternative-lifestyle meeting ground. The Swinging Door includes hardcore, X-rated erotic file areas featuring alternative lifestyle photos. The "Different Strokes and Kinky Conference" section includes special areas for cross-dressers, foot fetish devotees, adult babies, S&M, bondage, body piercing, tattoos, and more.

Star BBF Network, Northern and Central New Jersey

Inside the "Different Strokes and Kinky Conference" area, "Big Bottom Girl" asks "Mistress Ann" where to purchase an electric breast pump and cattle prod. Another caller, "Courtney" pleads with "Arthur" to be able to keep her "knickers on because" she is "too old for a bare bottom paddling. "If you are looking for a "spanking" good time, primed for a round or two of mate-swapping, or would like to engage in hot chat with like-minded aficionados, log onto The Swinging Door—but don't tell Mistress Mom!



Heavy "lashes" cat o'nine tails. (Courtesy of Mr. S. Leather Co./Fetters.)

The following letter appeared in The Swinging Door's De Sade S&M Conference area:

When the Whip Comes Down

From: Mistress Marlene

To: Superqwk

Re: Agreement With My Slave

Does this sound like a reasonable deal? Have I been too soft with my slave?

1. For the duration of this contract, my body shall be the sole property of my master.
2. I must follow all orders given to me by my master without question or complaint, except where one or more of the following conditions apply:
 - 2.1. There is a possibility that the order given may cause an unreasonable amount of personal harm to myself or other persons;
 - 2.2. The order, if given in public, would not seem, to others, to be a reasonable request which could be given to any person in the normal course of events except where the order is given such that others would not be aware of an order having been given, and where the order may appear to an act which I have undertaken of my own accord.
3. I shall submit to all disciplinary action without complaint. Any complaint made will immediately cause the appropriate punishment to be increased by fifty percent. Disciplinary measures may include corporal punishment, which will only be administered in private, and shall, in normal circumstances, take the form of a whipping. Where an implement is used for the purpose of whipping, the lashes shall number no more than eighteen in a session. A session shall be defined as the length of time until the swelling caused by the given blows is no longer visible to the eye. Where a suitable implement is available, punishment may be administered

When the Whip Comes Down

manually, in which case, the number of blows may not exceed six per session. There shall be no limit to the number of sessions which can take place.

4. I shall, whenever in private, or in the company of those who are aware of the master-slave relationship, address my master by title and not by name, unless instructed otherwise.
5. I shall, whenever in private, or in the company of those who are aware of the master-slave relationship, sit at the feet of my master with my eyes lowered to the floor, unless instructed otherwise. At these times, I shall also remain silent unless doing so would contravene clause seven. Being released from any of these conditions does not imply release from either of the other two.
6. Although my behavior in public shall, to some extent, be governed by common sense, it shall at all times be respectful to my master and I must constantly remain aware of my position, even when I am in public without my master.
7. If, at any stage, I become aware of something that would please my master, whether it be action, service, or object, I am to offer the same to him without delay.
8. I am to engage in no sexual activity without my master unless I have permission to do so.
9. I shall, at all times, ask permission before taking leave of my master, unless I have been previously instructed that this is unnecessary.
10. I shall sleep at my master's feet at all times, unless instructed otherwise.
11. If my master has given me permission to speak, I shall at all times use proper English, free of grammatical, semantic and syntactical errors. I am also forbidden to use idiomatic speech.

AGREED: Slaveboy _____

AGREED: Mistress Marlene _____

The Starship][BBS, founded by Phil Buonomo in 1980, is the granddaddy of the federation network. The Starship BBS, Jezebel's Parlour and The Swinging Door attract an international clientele including callers from Indonesia and Germany. Utilizing eSoft's TBBS package, the Star BBS Network offers user-to-user on-line chat, multiuser games, and a plethora of other features including message conferencing where you can read and write to thousands of computer users around the world on hundreds of topics. Adult file areas include home-scanned erotic images. The identities of the subject(s) featured in the GIF files are concealed and features subjects don't want publicly shared are blocked out.

Sysop Phil Buonomo takes a strong stand against using pirated software and other on-line misbehavior. "Anyone caught engaging in illegal activity of any kind, be it pedophilia, exchanging copies of copyrighted software (pirating) or exchanging illegal information of any kind will be prosecuted to the maximum extent of the law." In addition to the adult chat and conferencing areas, The Star BBS Network offers 20 gigabytes of public file areas for downloading, covering a broad spectrum of interests such as games, graphics, sound files, and utilities.

Jezebel's Parlour, operated by Beverly Delisa, is run with a feminine touch. Featuring a dazzling opening graphic of a beautiful lady with asterisks twinkling in her eyes, Jezebel's Parlour draws a chatty, friendly, and flirtatious membership.



Jezebel's Parlour sparkles with fun fantasy.

summoned into a conversation with two male callers:

Volunteers of America

Mike H.: Wow, Nancy. Two guys and one lady....Sounds kinky...<grin>

Joe Cool: We've been waiting for YOU <pant>, <pant>.

NT: Hey guys, I'm writing a book about BBSs. Do you have any experiences you want to share?

Mike H.: Do you want me to pose nude? <grin>. You'll need a long lens!

NT: Thanks, but no thanks!

Mike H.: I've met a few ladies and a couple through here. All were good experiences; although one girl was kinda weird. Turned out she was using her boyfriend's PC.

NT: What were you looking for with the couple...group sex?

Mike H.: Well, they were looking for a well-hung guy, and when I volunteered, I was surprised they took me up on it. Nice evening, that...<G>.



Smiles and Winks

;) ;) ROTF: Rolling on the floor laughing

Example: Your piece on bottom paddling left me ROTF.

Looking around Jezebel's Parlour, I was

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Bulletin Board	Modem #	Baud	Number of Lines
The Swinging Door	908-525-5801	2400	12
	908-525-8471	9600	
The Starship BBS	201-935-1485	2400	64
	201-935-2194	9600	
Jezebel's Parlour	201-927-2932	2400	16
	201-927-7048	9600	

National network access available, including Canada. For local access numbers call, (800) 521-2733 (voice), or (313) 995-6595 (voice), or (800) LOG-INTO (modem #).

Star BBS Network New User Information:

There are three levels of access to the Starship BBS. Public users automatically get to use the system for 20 minutes a day, play games, and read/enter messages in the multi-system conference message bases. Public usage is free of charge. Registered users have the same access as public users, but can use the system for an hour and a half per day, and have access to the conference, on-line games, databases, and the public on-line chat feature. One million bytes of download credit is available for public file areas. A six-month subscription is \$40 at The Starship and \$35 at Jezebel's Parlour, while a yearly subscription costs \$65 per year at Starship, \$50 at Jezebel's Parlour. A lifetime subscription membership is available for \$99 at Jezebel's Parlour. Subscription users have access to all of the above, plus three hours of access time daily, and, if over 21, access to the adult message areas, adult on-line chat, and more.

Free general membership is available to The Swinging Door with the ability to post, read and download in general (non-adult) areas for up to 20 minutes daily. The Basic, Silver and Gold Membership Plans all require a one-time membership charge of \$29.95 and grant access to download areas with no download ratios or quotas, and access to the multiline chat areas. The Basic plan also charges a \$9.95 monthly access service charge which includes 60 minutes of on-line access time daily. The Silver Membership Plan's monthly access service charge is \$11.95 which includes 90 minutes of on-line access time daily. The Gold Membership Plan is available at \$14.95 monthly access service charge which includes 180 minutes daily of on-line access time.

On-line credit card registration is available, or a check or money order can be sent directly to the sysop.

*Chatting with Sy Mon**

Posting a message to all of the members of the Starship BBS, the following thoughtful responses were received from "Sy Mon" who expounded upon the freedom of cyberspace to be whoever you are without guilt, shame or recrimination:

From: Nancy

To: All

Subj: Request Tales from The On-line Adult BBS Front

I am interested in hearing members true experiences from the adult-oriented on-line front. Help me understand why digital interaction is so special.

*Chatting with Sy Mon**

From: Sy Mon

To: Nancy Tamosaitis

I saw your note. I do not know how graphic you wish things to be, so I will just give you the details for now. I am a single white male, age 29, who has enjoyed (on occasion) cross-dressing, just for the hell of it. You may want to check out the cross-dressing posting area if you don't already know what I'm talking about. Anyway, I have had experiences where I have "met" someone on the board (electronically) and then got on the phone and had, shall we say, an "interesting" conversation resulting in mutual satisfaction to both parties.

I have had other correspondence with people I have met on the board through the mail. Some interesting letters have been plodding their way back and forth across the country. Anyway, in case you are wondering, I am not gay or bi. I just have a very active fantasy life. If you could care less, that is understandable too. In any case, please let me know if you desire any further details on anything I have written about. And, if you feel like it, tell me a little about yourself. You sound like an interesting woman.

Regards, Sy Mon

From: Nancy Tamosaitis

To: Sy Mon

Thanks for your response Sy. Have you ever actually met any of your on-line friends in person? I'd love to hear more.

*Chatting with Sy Mon**

From: Sy Mon

To: Nancy Tamosaitis

In answer to your question, no, I have never actually met in person any of my "friends." To me, this whole thing is just an electronic fantasy box, a way to explore different aspects of life (including sexuality) without all the complications of actual interaction. I think you will find others who feel the same way, although I have heard of people meeting and getting together (sometimes with terrible results).

From: Nancy Tamosaitis

To: Sy Mon

I would like to know more about your exploration of the female psyche. Does this cyberspace reality fully fulfill your fantasies and needs?

From: Sy Mon

To: Nancy Tamosaitis

Interesting question about whether or not this medium fully fulfills my fantasies and needs. I would say it has helped expand upon a preexisting need, since I was interested in cross-dressing long before I joined this BBS. But I must say that I had never thought so many people were into it, and this realization has helped me feel more comfortable with myself. As far as fantasy goes, I can be whoever or whatever I wish to be in my postings, since no one really knows who I am. I can be a slut if I want, and suffer no shame or repercussions. Now, there are many people on this board who are seriously

*Chatting with Sy Mon**

into their cross-dressing, who actually live as women, get the hormone shots, and everything. I am not one of those, and I do not pass myself off as such, since that would be unfair to these people. I simply enjoy dressing as a woman, the feel of nylon and silk against my body, the sheer sensuality of it all. And using the BBS has opened a new dimension on this, since I can read about others like me and correspond with them about relevant things (for example, what size woman's shoe corresponds with a man's size 9 shoe?)

Have I answered your question? If you wish more details or specifics, let me know. If you have a post office box, I could drop you a letter if you wish, exploring more details of whatever interests you. Take care.

Regards, Sy Mon

Texas Talk

Talk with a southern accent, honey-child! Southern Belles and Gents await, but hurry—the BBQ's hot and everything's big in Texas! Come again soon now, ya hear? Yee-haw!

If you're looking for some down-home, friendly chat, pull up your modem, kick back and relax on Texas Talk. Operated by Chuck Murphy and Sunnie Blair, Texas Talk was founded on February 14, 1991, in Richardson, Texas. A regional hit, approximately 3,000 paid subscribers connect to this 32-line system. Stunning animal graphics on the welcome screens are provided courtesy of artist Janee DuVal.



On-line Types

Michael476: An electronic engineering technician, looking to find a "loving relationship resulting in marriage."

Although Texas Talk offers interactive gaming as well as access to Fidonet conferences, when asked what lured them to log on, members "Brigid," "Easy Rider," "Enduro Rider" unanimously replied "the people!" Texas Talk actively supports many social activities to bring users face-to-face, and there is an a friendly, neighborhood feeling on-line.

Texas Talk offers Connex, the Connection Exchange, a service designed to link you up with like-minded cybernauts. Upon completion of an on-line profile and interview, Connex allows you to make detailed selections of other members you may be interested in. Connex doesn't compute member compatibility via simplistic percentage analysis, allowing instead a free-form selection of personal qualities and attributes that ring your bell.

You can even upload a scanned photograph of yourself to remove the mystery looks factor.

Okay, here goes. I'm looking for a single, intelligent cowboy who likes Easterners. Let's see what magic Connex creates! After entering my variable demands, I'm offered a bevy of unattached men. Number one on the list is "Red Cloud," a 39 year-old, 6', 200 lb., blonde, divorced software engineer with a Master's degree in Literature. Connex has deemed him a ENTJ (Extroverted, Intuitive, Thinking, Judging), "the Fieldmarshall" of men, a person who likes to add structure and "take charge." Hey, and he's even got some pretty nifty hardware: a 486DX\50, 15" monitor,

Boca 14.4 modem, tape drive. A sucker for "pretty legs and a nice smile," his answer to "if you could control the script of your dream tonight, what would you dream about" answers an important question. He says, "oral sex to completion. BOTH ways." See you on-line, "Red Cloud"!



Use Texas Talk's Connex personal matchmaker to decide if there's anyone big and bold enough for you in the Lone Star State!

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Bulletin Board	Modem #	Baud	Number of Lines
Texas Talk	214-497-9100 9600	2400	32

For additional information, contact Texas Talk, 888 South Greenville Avenue, Suite 100, Richardson, Texas 75081, (214) 680-4303 (voice).

Texas Talk BBS New User Information

Subscribers must be 18 years of age or older. There is a flat fee of \$18 per month for unlimited access. Checks, Visa/MasterCard, and American Express are accepted.

The WELL (Whole Earth 'Electronic Link)

This is one well worth dropping your penny into! If your wish is to meet new people and to expose yourself to new views, pick a conference and your wish may come true!

The WELL, an electronic mother who nurtures, feeds, and educates inquiring minds on spirituality, music, health, computing, The Grateful Dead, and much more in over 200 public conferences, also teaches its children about the birds and the bees and what makes them sing, sting, and fly.

Be a digital “peeping Tom” and enter The Sexuality Conference hosted by Jennifer Avian, David Hawkins, and Bob Rossney, and revel in intimate, engaging postings on over hundred topics from “What is Love?” to “How many people have you done it with?” to “Penis Names” and “How To Give/Receive a Good Rim Job.” Everything you ever wanted to know about sex isn’t covered in some didactic, dated text; it’s here in all its naked glory.



Enter the world of The WELL—You may never want to climb out!

Within the Sexuality Conference's "Ten Things Every Lesbian Should Know About Love and Sex" conference, Susie Bright, celebrity "sexpert" and editor of erotica anthologies, provides her unabashedly personal and humorous views on lesbian sexuality. According to Bright, sending a sexual overture to another woman can often be obtusely interpreted, requiring "nothing short of holding up a sign that says 'Let's Go Into Escrow Together'" to get one's signal sent.



Smiles and Winks

:0<=== Oral sex

Example: Burning
Pillar, I have viewed
your GIF and now am
dreaming of a serious
:0<=== session.

Stop by the Eros Conference, "a celebration of the erotic aspects of sexuality," hosted by Patrizia DiLucchio and Kim L. Serkes. Topics range from "Fellatio", "to "Who Do You Have The Hots For" to "Sex Outdoors." Topic 39, "Modem Sex," illustrates that you're never alone if you can hear your modem tone.

Just What Is this Thing Called Modem Sex?

Michael Mays opens this topic with his first post: I've heard, well OK, I just KNOW that most of the conversations on services such as America On-line and The Sierra Network are sexual. Various local BBS systems offer similar diversions. Why is modem sex so popular? Does it satisfy? How does it compare to phone sex? Or the real thing? [What about] On-line sexual etiquette, how to give good modem or meeting your favorite icons in the flesh. Is there any action on the Well? Should there be? Do you know the real sex of the icon you're talking to? Does it matter?

John Olive replies: Is it best at 2400 bsp? Or 9600? Or 14,000? Ever had fiber optic sex?

Patrizia DiLucchio adds: It's not sex so much as romance. Important distinction.

Just What Is this Thing Called Modem Sex?

Michael Mays adds a riff: Yes, that's right; there is a lot of romance. But sometimes there's taking advantage. On the plus side, since there isn't any real sex the only way to get joy is tuning in very well to the other icon(s). It is amazing how much you can project after a few hundred characters.

Patrizia DiLucchio trills: Well, you know we're all incredibly beautiful and have perfect bodies to match our intriguing writing styles. We are...THE DEMON LOVER!!!!

Hilarie Garder, the Well's office manager, adds: Modem sex is VERY low band width. A far cry from phone sex. Lacks any of the warmth or intimacy of tone or inflection that you need to have at least voice for. Lacks even the presence of an old-fashioned hand-written letter. It does have its appeal though. Can be fairly anonymous. Or if you get off on the techno-cyberness of it, you can play it for that. There's also the rush of finding your love hidden in between your business e-mail. An important caution, though. Never send anything in sends or e-mail you'd mind if read by a stranger, on any system.

Patrizia DiLucchio retorts: Ohhhh, I disagree Hilarie. Or maybe I do it differently. People's writing styles are a lot more distinctive than their garbled voices over the switch boxes. It's a lot more fun to tease someone in written dialogue. Makes me feel like I'm doing a film script. Of course, I hate sexually explicit stuff with no other content—whether it's phone or words.

Later, Smokeylady adds: Why is America On-line always mentioned when it comes (sorry about that) to modem sex? Probably because it's true! Depending on my mood, I enjoy a well-written seduction. However, I am very fussy and only truly literate guys turn me on. It helps a lot if they are poets. Somehow the figurative language helps

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C Y B E R S E X

Protocol: File transfer methods such as Kermit, Zmodem, etc. To download a GIF file the BBS has to offer it as a protocol option.

me imagine what's happening. :)...Anyway, I've heard some very interesting stories about what men do before keyboards which don't bear repeating in "public." E-mail me for details <grin>. Let's just say, a good suggestion for these guys would be to buy one of those plastic keyboard protectors.

Joseph Boyle defines modem sex in more technical terms: First you initiate with the appropriate tones, and your partner responds. When agreement on a **protocol** is reached, the desired connection begins, at higher or lower speeds depending on what you're both capable of. Then you communicate by means of a sequence of bytes....

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The WELL BBS New User Information

A subscription to The WELL costs \$10 per month and \$2 per hour. Visa/MasterCard accepted without processing fees; \$25 processing fee for billed accounts. Access through CompuServe packet network from anywhere in contiguous 48 states at an additional \$4 per hour. It is not necessary to be a CompuServe member to access The WELL through CPN.

The West Side

Check out these West Side stories! Love...sex...love...sex...and forty marriages, so far! There's a place for you too, at The West Side. You might just meet your own Tony or Maria!

The West Side logs in more than 2,000 calls a day and has at least 6,000 active members. If you are a woman in the Los Angeles area looking for a date, or just some bawdy flirtation, the 80 percent male population at The West Side will welcome you with open on-line arms.

“If only singles bars offered this ‘browse a user’ feature!”

The West Side's chat lounge provides a forum for every sexual persuasion and activity level, including the popular “Adult Chat, R Rated,” area, “The 30 and Over Adult Group,” “The S&M/

B&D Channel,” “Gay Only,” “Straight Only,” “Bi Only,” and many other sections. In order to fully satisfy the on-line demands of the male species, it is evident that typing speed does count! During evening hours, a female could easily find herself engaged in a dozen conversations simultaneously. If in the midst of this veritable on-line orgy, for example, you forget the marital status of “*Cinnamon Bear*,” simply call up his profile for a quick and easy memory refresher! If only singles bars offered this “browse a user” feature!

Interesting callers abound. Meet “*Rodneydan*,” a self-declared Jeff Goldblum look-alike who put his music career on the backburner while he pays his bills producing amateur hardcore adult films. Or “*Tall Man*,” a 6'7", shy, sensitive, 28-year-old man who is looking for a woman with a good heart who enjoys spontaneous sex. Or “*Bad John*” who would like to provide “the kind of spanking you get when you are good...very good.” If you're after a penetrating, full-thrusted good time, start up a conversation with “*Hugh G. Rec*,” a staunch believer in truth in advertising!

"This board has played cupid for hundreds of users, resulting in 40 marriages so far," enthuses Dave Harrison, President, The West Side BBS, "and that's a higher matchmaking success record than 'Love Connection' achieves!"

The West Side's most popular features are chat, games, and adult GIF downloads. Games offered include a variety of fantasy role-playing games and challenging puzzle games such as Tetris.

Piece of Mind



"I'm a fun-loving, friendly person that enjoys the freedom than an adult BBS offers....You can find what you are looking for on the BBS, whether you're just looking to add some spice to your life, seeking a lifelong partner, or the ultimate fantasy partner—it's all here."

Subscribers can access all of the basic system features such as e-mail, the public message bases, file transfer library, the News Room, personal and communal chat, and some of the on-line games. Premium members also have additional enhanced features such as the ability to create a public board and mail forwarding.

It is mandatory for every user to fill out the general survey. This survey includes basic facts such as height, weight, age range, and marital status. If you would like other members to know more specific information about yourself, fill out the friendship, dating, sexual, technical, and essay areas. Note the following member expresses his annoyance about my reluctance to bare all in the sexual survey:

Tell Me All

From: Noodles

To: Nancy

Re: Just Browsed You!

Dear Nancy, you greatly disappoint me. Any woman with a 5'9" frame who does not fill out the sexual survey is just not fun. You're going to get a reputation as a stick in the mud. Now, I have the courage to fill out the sexual survey....Please realize that I have no bone to pick with you. I just want to sleep with you. And since that is very far from your goals, it will never happen. But do not bill yourself as a ravishing redhead with a 5'9" frame and not expect the natural hormonal mixtures in a male to fester. I hope to hear from you on these above points. And I hope you have a good sense of humor, otherwise I'm history..."

Maybe next time. Half of the fun of the boards is keeping the sense of anticipation high. Keep them guessing.

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Bulletin Board	Modem #	Baud	Number of Lines
The West Side	213-933-4050	2400	50+
	213-935-9600	9600+	50+

The West Side BBS offers a national network access through SprintNet that allows most subscribers to call a local number. Local access numbers are available in over 850 U.S. cities. Mailing address is The Westside, P.O. Box 36846, Los Angeles, CA 90036

The West Side BBS New User Information

Premium Membership—Monthly Billing option is available for all major credit card holders at \$9.95 a month for unlimited usage, with a one-time setup fee of \$10.

Regular Membership—Subscribe by check or major credit card for 3, 6, or 12 months at \$7.95 per month for unlimited usage. The one-time \$10 set-up fee is waived if prepaying for a year or more.

National Network Access—Allows premium members to dial into the Westside via a local number available in over 850 cities nationwide. Base rate is \$9.95 per month for the first 5 night hours, then \$2.10 each additional hour. There is an \$8 hourly surcharge for business-day use.

Windup

Membership has its privileges at Windup, where only 5 percent of the applicants are granted membership, but 110 percent have fun! Put on your Sunday best, remember your manners, and enjoy! "The rain in Spain falls mainly on the plain. The rain in Spain falls mainly on the plain..."



On-line Types

Top Gun: A documentary producer working on a film exploring single life in New York, exploring questions that a child of the 60s has about life in the 90s.

Talk about exclusive clubs! "Only 5 percent of the callers who apply for membership are accepted," states "John," Windup's sysop. "I am not running a board to make money. I'd rather have a board with intelligent, articulate adults who are interested in discussing adult topics. "John" shuns the crowds of "drooling, salivating, hormonally-driven teenagers," and instead focuses on an elite, manageable group of 300 members.

"Windup caters to adults who are interested in sharing and exploring the sensual and erotic aspects of their personalities. Couples and singles who are interested in other couples and singles call in and exchange, through chat and messages, their fantasies, realities, and sexual desires," states "John." "We tell people to treat this forum as if they were socializing at the Plaza's Oak Room. Rudeness is not tolerated."

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Many of the users of this Queens, New York, adult board have put GIFs of themselves on-line, some of which are password protected and others which are publicly available. Windup makes GIFs for members for free from any photo or video as well as animated GRASP files. The BBS also makes 'computer videos' of intimate mo-

ments. "Our Heartbeat Database lets users look up other members by using keywords, for example, 'oral, anal, friendship, phone sex,' etc.," says "John." After you find your matches, you can look at the physical profile and read a text file the user has written about who they are and what they are looking for. You can then leave messages and view the GIFs of your object of desire.

The most active calling time is weekdays after 11 p.m. My recent late-night excursion involved a party line chat with "Top Gun", a handsome 40-year-old documentary film maker who has made Windup the subject of his latest film; "Love Biscuit," a single, green-eyed, 40-year-old blonde who describes herself as "curious, voluptuous, and silly;" X, a 35-year single male who is "couple curious" and "a worshiper of numerous body areas;" "Gemini," a 44-year-old single bi-curious female musician who is also a trained spiritual healer; "Sexy Eyes," an "insatiably horny, voluptuous" 28-year-old blonde, blue-eyed housewife whose "job it is to spend money" and who loves to "tease guys;" and "Xaviera," a 34-year-old librarian by day and dominating mistress by night of the two slaves in her stable.

In addition to local conferencing bases, including topics on S&M, B&D, Gay & Bi Women, Gay and Bi Men, Fantasyland, and Amateur Video, Windup also links to adult conference areas on Throbneth, Kinknet, and Fidonet international conferences.

On Windup's local conference area, "Dear Sex Lady" offers advice regarding everything users need to "know about sex with the lights on, but were afraid to ask":



On-line Types

Wild: A woman who's 35-26-35 and loves to "play...play...play...with anything!"

Sex Lady and the Beard

To: Dear Sex Lady

From: Anonymous

Re: My Beard and My Sex Life

I'm at my wit's end. My wife won't give me sex. She's held off since early last week when I began growing a beard. This beard is solely to protect my face from cold weather, and it's working as intended. However, my wife says she will NOT have sex with me, or even allow me to kiss her (anywhere) until I'm smooth-shaven again.

Sex Lady and the Beard

Now, she's had a woman on the side, and I'd like to find a woman on the side for myself, for a change. My question is, should I find a woman who likes beards now, for the duration, and tell my wife to go to wherever? Or should I stick it out with her, wait it out, ignore women who like men with beards, and not call the other woman until March, when we can both share a woman? Or should I shave?

From: Sex Lady

To: Anonymous

Re: My Beard and My Sex Life

The first question is, why doesn't your wife like beards? Probably because a new beard is itchy and scratchy and I gotta tell ya—it hurts like a son-of-a-bitch on sensitive places. I'd suggest asking her nicely to wait until it grows in and then I advise using some hair conditioner on it before you do the nasty—so that it doesn't itch and scratch. And if that doesn't help—well, there ARE a lot of babes out there who like beards (soft ones of course), and if the wifey ain't got no problem (for example, you won't be asking me later about divorce proceedings) then hey! What is good for the goose is good for the gander. Hairy or not!!!

Connecting Up

Bulletin Board	Modem #	Baud	Number of Lines
Windup	718-428-6123	2400	12
	718-428-6736	9600	
	718-428-6725	14.4	

For user information contact, Windup BBS, P.O. Box 253, Station A, New York, NY 11358

Windup BBS New User Information

\$85 annually for 3 hours of daily access time, \$50 annually for one hour of daily access time. Discounted memberships for couples are available. All levels include 1M of downloading per day. Checks and money orders can be sent to Windup BBS, P.O. Box 253, Station A, New York, NY 11358. MasterCard and Visa are accepted, and statement will show a billing from Incad, Inc. Members must be 21 years or older. All new users are subject to voice verification.

Windy City Freedom Fortress

Exercise your constitutional rights in Windy City's Freedom Fortress. In this fortress, nothing is censored and anything goes!

Purveyors and devoted followers of punishment enemas, bestiality, S&M, B&D, swinging, and every form of scatological diversion have a place to play on Windy City Freedom Fortress BBS, based in Northbrook, Illinois. "The bitstream should be free from censorship," states 50-year-old Robert A. Copella, a.k.a "Windy," the articulate, outspoken sysop of the Windy City Freedom Fortress BBS. He is a retired research and development vice president for a major corporation who runs this board full-time. "Our name is very indicative of how we feel. Unlike a retail establishment, we have no storefront. One finds out about us from another one of us. As a result, this medium is very selective."

"80 percent indicated that 'human/animal sex pictures' should not be censored...92 percent indicated that 'fisting pictures' should not be censored."

As a barometer on censorship issues, "Windy" conducted an on-line survey revealing, among other things, that 93 percent of the members who responded believe that "potty (toilet) images should not be censored," 80 percent indicated that "human/animal sex pictures should not be censored," 92 percent believe that "XXX pictures of pregnant women should not be

censored," and 92 percent answered that "fisting pictures should not be censored." Windy City attracts a wide international clientele, including callers from every continent, and a majority of the 5,000-plus members hold managerial positions.

Twenty-five sexually avant-garde conference areas include "Loop & Lash-B&D," "Zoo-Animal Lovers," "Toilet Tastes-Potty," "Below the Ankles-Feet," and "Playground (Swing Set)."



Windy City is a leading proponent of the philosophy that "anything goes."

"Ebony Slut barks that she has been into dogs since the age of 15..."

In the "Zoo" conference, 36-year-old "Ebony Slut" barks that she has "been into dogs since the age of 15, and that she is on the lookout for GIF photos of black women with animals. "Ford

Prefect," stimulated by "Ebony Slut" "would love to get together with her and have some fun....[and] "MUST have an animal video....someone please, please save me from this addiction by supplying the drug I need."

"...He is looking to find a "woman that would like to use" him as "her toilet slave."

In the "Toilet Taste" conference, 30-year-old "Diaper Boy" declares he is "deeply into the diaper fetish, wearing them all the time, 24 hours a day" and is seeking to correspond with women who haven't graduated yet to panty

briefs, as well as finding GIFs starring diaper-clad women. 33-year-old "Toilet Slave Billy" posts that "turd is the number one taboo in the world." He is looking to find a "woman that would like to use" him as "her toilet slave."



Foot fetishes, whip handlers, and animal lovers all have their place on-line at Windy City.

In addition to a substantial, highly organized GIF library, offering more than two dozen subject categories featuring every imaginable kink from bestiality to fisting to scatology, Windy City's single largest area is erotic text files. "Windy" prides himself on the well-written, provocative prose that can be found on Windy City Freedom Fortress. NixNet Mail is available to download mail packets and new file listings that can be read and processed off-line. Live chat and e-mail are also available.

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Bulletin Board	Modem #	Baud	Number of Lines
Windy City			
Freedom Fortress	708-564-1092	1200/2400	37
	708-564-1092	9600 V.32	
	708-564-1064	9600-14400 V.32	
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NixPix Person-to-Person 708-223-4802

Members of Windy City Freedom Fortress receive free access to Nix Pix Person-to-Person which specializes in chat and interaction.

For additional information, contact Robert A. Copella at Box 2003, Northbrook, IL 60025-2003.

Windy City Freedom Fortress BBS New User Information

You can subscribe on-line using Visa or MasterCard. The charge will be processed in 1 to 2 days. There are 4 levels of membership available on Windy City. Available are a 6-month membership allowing 60 minutes access time per day and 2M daily downloads for \$26, a year membership with 60 minutes daily access time and 2M daily downloads for \$41, a year membership with 120 minutes daily access time and 4M downloads daily for \$81, and a year membership with 240 minutes access time and 8M daily downloads for \$161. Use questionnaire number 4 to subscribe by credit card.

By mail, make checks payable to Windy City Freedom Fortress, P.O Box 2003, Northbrook, IL 60065-2003.

Carnal Knowledge On-line, Signing Off....

As an adult bulletin board neophyte, I signed onto this subterranean world unaware of what I would find. Was it all raunchy, XXX-rated photos, and never-ending sexual banter? Were the members sexual deviants unable to fit into normal society?

What I found was a world filled with an extremely diverse group of people—just like in “real life.” I personally felt more comfortable interacting on certain boards over others. In the same way that a sexually

monogamous person doesn't frequent swingers' clubs, that same sexually monogamous person wouldn't feel at home on a swinger's board!

As a woman dialing into hundreds of adult boards, I began to size up the digital turf very quickly. Although sex is an important part of life, it is not everything. My personal preferences leaned towards interacting on more general boards such as Echo and Mindvox. Literature, music, art, politics, and the whole spectrum of life experiences are discussed in formal forum venues on these boards. This is not to say that the sexually-explicit boards do not have their more general moments. No one can sustain an orgasm 24 hours a day, even on the raunchiest of the adult boards. There were nights I found myself talking about the weather on swinging boards. It happens. Or maybe it's just me! More than not, though, people who are dialing into swinging boards care more about physical appearance than a scintillating wit.

The big question is why hundreds of thousands of people are dialing into adult boards? I think the answer is quite simple. Like CB radios, personal advertisements, or anonymous telephone hotlines, bulletin boards are a place where people can lose their inhibitions. On a bulletin board, people meet other people on a purely cerebral level. You size up the other person on-line not by their physical or professional stature, but what they have to say. True, on many BBSs, members upload their photos for other members to see. However, one is more likely to download a member photo only after an on-line dialogue has transpired. The cerebral connection is the initial, bonding unifying force which either attracts or repels upon examination.

Bulletin boards provide a place to establish instant intimacy without fear of disease—at least if callers keep their action strictly on-line! I've talked with married men and women who live out active sexual fantasy lives on-line, while still being physically monogamous to their spouse. I've conversed with single men and women eager to find lifetime partners, as well as married folks looking to actualize their fantasy life with real physical interaction. There truly is a bulletin board for whatever intimate interplay one is looking for.

Researching bulletin boards for this book, I did not have time to meet many of my on-line connections off-line. However, if it is off-line connections you seek, you'll be delighted by the many face-to-face meeting opportunities available. All of the BBSs host informal gatherings for members to meet in person. Since women are still such a scarce commodity in the BBS world, instant popularity is assured. Forearmed is forewarned: If you are a woman logging on with a female name, you will be besieged with meeting opportunities. Whether you decide to act upon these dating offers is up to you!

The single most important ingredient of every adult bulletin board is the people. Every board offers the possibility of meeting hundreds of people outside your normal social circle. In the comfort of your home or office, you can dial into your bulletin board at any hour of the day. Relationships, conceived by words scrolling across the screen, from one modem to the other, spring to life. The democratic, equalizing power of the written word, transmitted into cyberspace, enables a public relations professional to befriend a world-renowned CEO, a farmer to fall in love with a lawyer, and so on and so on. The possibilities and realities of human interaction are as endless and limitless as life itself. My sincere wishes that this guide makes your journey into unknown cyberspace territories special, and that you'll find your own particular, favorite place to modem to when you are looking to connect.